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'Vegetative' patient wakes up after seven years

Case raises doubts over doctors' ability to diagnose 'brain deaths'

MAN who for seven years was thought to be in the same per-manent unconscious Hillsborough victim. Tony Bland, has become aware of his surroundings and is com-

cussed asking the High Court to sanction the withdrawal of the artificial feeding keeping the artificial feeding keeping him alive. But his wife was implacably opposed and the idea was not pursued, although relatives have no right legally to veto doctors' decisions in such cases.

The case of the former businessman, diagnosed as in a

municating with hospital persistent vegetative state (PVS), puts a huge question mark over experts' ability to diagnose such cases reliably,

against mistakes in right to

This week a brain-damage musician at the same hospital, who had also been diagnosed as in PVS, told police via a computer and buzzer how he was attacked on a late night train nearly two years

ago. The businessman's case is much more remarkable because of the length of time be was thought to be unconerror during a routine operation.

nosed than head injuries.

The High Court has approved the withdrawal of eeding in eight cases so far. including Tony Bland's, and four more are in the pipeline. Sir Stephen Brown, president of the court's family division, who has taken the decision personally in about half the cases, is said to be extremely concerned about reports of PVS patients "waking up' after several years.

Five judges reserved judg-ment last week in the first Scottish case. Janet John-Cases like his, where the stone, aged 53, has been vege-brain has been starved of oxy-tative for four years after

Not all the English cases have been as thoroughly in-vestigated as Tony Bland's, which went to court in 1992 mittee recommended in 1992 and ended in his death the that decisions on withdraw following year. In 1994, the High Court and Court of Appeal approved a decision by doctors caring for a 24-year-old man diagnosed as in PVS

for 20 years, after a massive drugs overdose, not to recon-nect his feeding tube, which had become dislodged. The decision was sanctioned even though a QC acting for the Official Solicitor said the tube should be rein-

and raises serious doubts | gen, are also thought to be | overdosing with medicines | gation with opinions from in- | late middle age, as perma- about safeguards to ensure | less likely to be wrongly diag. | prescribed for her. | dependent experts as in the | nently vegetative. One of Bland case.

The British Medical Associing treatment should wait until the patient was thought least a year. It said it would be reasonable to remove invasive treatment, including arti-ficial nutrition, if the doctor caring for the patient judged there was no reasonable chance of improvement and two other doctors indepen-dently concurred.

At least two experts diag discuss the case, would not nosed the businessman, in his say how the man communiserted pending a full investi-

dependent experts as in the Bland case.

The British Medical Association and Principle Service of the Britis knows the family's identity but has decided not to reveal nett, Britain's leading expert on PVS, said: "It's very alarming if he's waking up. I saw it because the man's wife is ill him and didn't think there

and the family does not want was any doubt — it was PVS." publicity, Keith Andrews, director of In a report awaiting publithe Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability. In Putney, south-west London, where the man cation, Dr Andrews gives de-tails of a "significant" numis now a patient, said he was mentally competent enough have been misdiagnosed as being in PVS. He described to be asked whether he wanted to be interviewed by a the results as "frightening". Some were missed cases of 'locked-in syndrome'' newspaper and was able to indicate his refusal. Dr An-

where the patient is para-lysed and unable to speak but

Concern grows on gun control

Three police forces failed to prove claims made against Dunblane killer

Peter Hetherington and Duncan Campbell

HE man who killed 6 children, their teacher and then himself with lein Dunblane on Wednesday had been investigated by three separate police forces, it was claimed last night. Each decided there was insufficient evidence to prosecute and no attempt was made to revoke

cians from all parties called for changes in the way firearms certificates are granted.

Denis Canavan, whose con-stituency borders Stirling. and it was preposterous that Hamilton should have been allowed a firearms certificate. "This man was known for his erratic behaviour and instability. This should have been sufficient reason to refuse a firearms licence.

Michael Stephen, vicechairman of the Conservative backbench home affairs com-mittee, said: "What seems rather extraordinary is the way in which the rules were applied in this particular case. I would have thought he was an unacceptable person."

It was confirmed last night that the Queen will visit Dun-blane tomorrow and that a minute's silence will be observed at sporting fixtures today and at church services, military stations and supermarkets tomorrow.

Yesterday, the Prime Minister and the Labour leader. Tony Blair, visited the school and one of the hospitals treating the injured. John Major appealed for a minute's stlence and proposed demolishing the school gym, where the shootings took place. "We must tear it down," he said, after spending % minutes at the school

Senior council officials who met Hamilton regularly said they always suspected he would snap at some stage. But mend stronger action because police could not stand up allegations of child molesting and

misconduct.

Yesterday, it was confirmed that Hamilton had been inves-tigated by police in 1988 and that a report was sent to the Procurator Fiscal in Dumbarton. No action was taken, but it is understood the complaint was about the way he ran a boys' camp and about him slapping a child. There was no suggestion of sexual

A woman has also claimed that after she had reported Hamilton to the police he threatened her with a gun. A spokesman for Central police said they had no record of such an incident.

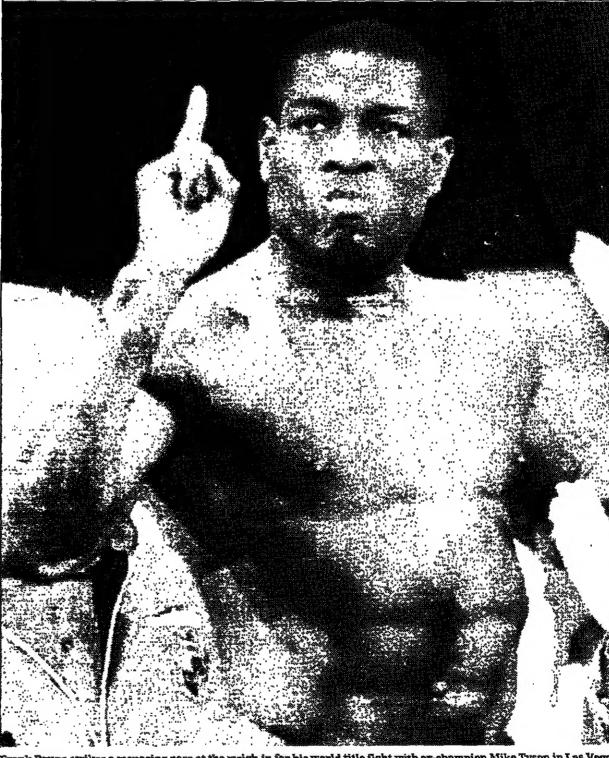
As concern mounted about | Dyfed in Wales said she had the ease with which a man as raised suspicions about Hamapparently unstable as ilton with the local council Thomas Hamilton was able to and that had been investigain access to guns, politi- gated. After he was cleared, it was claimed the Scottish Sec-retary, Michael Forsyth wrote to him saying: "Thank you for sending me the com-missioner's report and may I congratulate you on your suc cess." Hamilton sent the woman a copy to back up his

claim of innocence. It has also been suggested that Hamilton was arrested 18 months ago in Edinburgh for an act of indecency in a pub he lavatory and cautioned. Yesterday, a spokesman for Lothian and Borders police said that after checking all their records, there was no evidence that Hamilton had

been cautioned Ken Campbell, who retired last year as the Central regional council's senior so-licitor, said: "Colleagues who reckoned sooner or later something would go wrong." But they thought it unlikely would go beyond an assault on an individual child.

Hamilton was licensed to hold two .357 revolvers and two 9mm pistols, believed to be the weapons used in the shooting. He was also allowed to keep a 7.62 rifle and a .22

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Frank Bruno strikes a menacing pose at the weigh-in for his world title fight with ex-champion Mike Tyson in Las Vegas tonight. The 17st 9lb champion, who will be watched by 5,000 British boxing fans, lost to Tyson seven years ago, but said: "Tm like vintage wine. I'm mature."

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HIV doctor's claims bring \$1.3m deal

Hollywood buys rights to tale of multi-drug treatment and romance with Aids patient

lan Katz in New York

DUBLISHING circles on both sides of the Atlantic are abuzz over a new book by an American doctor who contracted the Aids virus and claims to have halted its progress by treating himself with a radical combination of

drugs.
The New York-based publisher Bantam is understood to have paid \$1.3 million signing the film deal, copies (£850,000) for the as yet unviiten story of Mahlon Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written story of Mahlon Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written story of Mahlon Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written story of Mahlon Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written story of Mahlon Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written story of Mahlon Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written story of Mahlon Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written story of Mahlon Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written story of Mahlon Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written story of Mahlon Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written story of Mahlon Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written story of Mahlon Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written story of Mahlon Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written story of Mahlon Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written story of Mahlon Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written story of Mahlon Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written story of Mahlon Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written story of Mahlon Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written story of Mahlon Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written story of Mahlon Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written with Dr. Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written with Dr. Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written with Dr. Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written with Dr. Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written with Dr. Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written with Dr. Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written with Dr. Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written with Dr. Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written with Dr. Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written with Dr. Johnson and Joseph of the I9 page proposal written with Dr. Johnso

was infected with HTV in 1992 when he cut himself while doing a post-mortem on some one who had died of Aids.

Only days after the Bantam deal, Fox 2000, a division of Twentieth Century Fox. snapped up the film rights to Working on a Miracle for more than \$1 million, and Bloomsbury this week ac-quired British rights for more than \$150,000 (£98,000).

Within hours of Fox 2000

author, were being faxed | didn't eschew conventional around Hollywood In the synthesis, by Johnson is under them," said Martin Delaney. tood to claim that he has "arrested the virus" by taking a combination of virtually every known Aids drug, in-cluding interleuken-2, a controversial treatment still

undergoing clinical trials.
His agents have discouraged media coverage of the deals and stress that Mr John-son does not claim to have found a cure. "He does appear to be dramatically improved. said Ron Bernstein, his Hollywood agent. "Is he cured? Time will tell."

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founder of Project Inform in

"There's always a subset of

people who will take anything

they can get their hands on."
Mr Delaney added: "It is perfectly normal for people to

be absolutely healthy for

years after contracting the vi-

tells the story of Dr Johnson's romance with a poor Aids pa-

tient. Dr Johnson is now

understood to be treating her.
"It's a combination of the

romance and how he dealt

with the disease that is what

is so exciting about it." Mr

Working on a Miracle also

San Francisco.

Barings top brass charged over Leeson

Dan Ationson and Sarah Whitebloom

ETER Baring, the for-mer chairman of Bardisciplinary action over the Nick Lesson affair by ruling nimself out of the City for

drews, who was reluctant to

good, it emerged last night. Other former senior executives at Barings were yester-day told of disciplinary charges that could result in unlimited fines or expulsion from the finance industry.

In the first British action against Barings' top brass polices brokers and merchant bankers — announced charges have been brought against "a number of persons

involved with Barings".
It refused to name them, but they are believed to include a raft of former Barings executives such as the head of Norris, and director Ron Baker, both of whom left

under a cloud a year ago. The Guardian has learned that the Securities and Investments Board — the master regulator — may ban individ-uals from the entire financial sector, for life. The Section 59 sanction has been used in

only a few cases, such as that of fraudster Roger Levitt.

Any action by the board will have to await the outcome of the SFA's disciplinary proceedings; these could take between a month and more than a year, depending

on pleas and appeals. But Peter Baring and his former deputy, Andrew Tuckey, will not face charges. The SFA said yesterday their roles in the 2800 million collapse of Barings in February 1995 — caused by the wild gambles of rogue trader Nick Leeson — had been reviewed.

It had found "no evidence for the insolvency of the group can be attributed to their actions".

The authority added: "However, [we have] ... sought as-surances from both Mr Baring and Mr Tuckey regarding

the future."

Mr Baring is to leave the City for good. Mr Tuckey is to restrict himself "for the foreseeable future" to consultancy-type positions in the corporate finance field that do not involve command or control of City firms.

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East Belfast yesterday faced the prospect of up to 1,000 job losses at Shorts Brothers, in the wake of the decision by Dutch aerospace firm Fokker to

file for bankruptcy

A former business partner of Princess Caroline of Monaço's late husband is the key witness in a bribery scandal that could have far-reaching effects on the Italian general election

England, Lawrence Dallaglio is the crown prince waiting to lead the squad into a new world of adventure and originality

Following Will Carling's resignation as captain of

Britain's biggest industrial company, GEC, yesterday appeared to have finally found a successor to Lord Weinstock ---George Simpson, chief executive of Lucas 23

Shockwaves follow Fokker's fall

Shorts may cut 1,000 jobs in blow to Ulster

David Gow and David Sharrock in Belfast

HE largely Protestant enclave of east Belfast yes-terday faced up to 1,000 losses at Shorts Brothers. the aircraft-maker, after the Dutch aerospace company Fokker decided to file for

Northern freland's biggest private-sector employer. which built wings for Fokker aircraft, sent home 700 workers on full pay as manage-ment warned that 1,000 job losses — and potentially as many again in the surround-ing economy — would result from one of Holland's biggest corporate failures. In Belfast the likely redun-

dancies, fewer than feared, was greeted almost casually but in Amsterdam the an-nouncement of 5,664 redundancies cast a deep gloom over the company's plants at Schiphol airport, where long-

standing employees wept.
The Klinkenberg, a security guard at Fokker's main plant, said: "Tve worked 37 years for this company. I've never had a day without a job and now I'll be punished until the day I die. It is interestly saf

die . . . It is intensely sad." Another worker, Ben Hom, said as he left the factory: "I'm devastated. Of course,

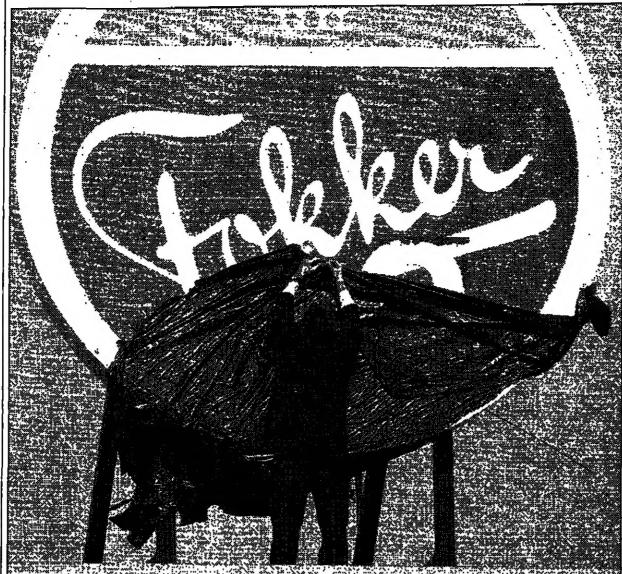
but the final news was like a punch in the face. It was like

The news was announced by the chairman, Ben van Schaik, at the city's aviation museum, the Aviodome. home of the Fokker bi- and tri-planes flown in the first world war by the ace German pilot, Manfred von Richthofen or "Red Baron" when the firm was a by-word for flying

Fokker, which made regional turboprops and jetliners, provided 20 per cent of Shorts' turnover, and production on contracts for the Dutch company was sus-pended at once yesterday. But Ken Brundell, vice-president of aerospace operations, said some of the 1,460 employees affected could be deployed to

Shorts' owner, the Cana-dian aircraft-manufacturer Bombardier, helped seal Fok-ker's fate when it decided last month against bidding for its Dutch rival, but last night some City analysts suggested it might make a move now acquiring key elements much more cheaply.

Samsung Aerospace of South Korea, which held talks with Fokker into the early hours of yesterday but failed to make a bid, also indicated from Seoul it might want to take the bankrupt firm over



A Fokker employee covers the firm's sign at its Amsterdam HQ yesterday

Crash exposes flaw in plan to challenge US

once-illustrious Dutch firm largely owned by Germans, producing planes partly built by Northern Irish workers and powered by Brit-ish engines, has exposed a fatal flaw in the European project of welding together an aerospace industry capable of competing with the

Certainly, that was the view yesterday in Amsterdam of an embittered Hans Wijers, affairs. "The experience of the last few months has taught me that as few months had taught me that taught me that as far as the aircraft industry is concerned Europe does not exist; in fact the opposite is true, Europe is

Evans of British Aerospace or Jürgen Schrempp of Daimler-Benz know that if the Europeans are to avoid extinction at the hands of US giants such as Boeing, joint ventures, mergers and, ultimately, fu-sions under one roof, are

But Fokker's bankruptcy is not just a painful stage in that process. It underlined once again the internecine con-flicts among European part-ners as they fight tooth-and-

nail for the lion's share of production and employment for

A vicious price war among aircraft makers, desperate to retain their share of an overcrowded market, completes

sealed in late January when Mr Schrempp, architect of Daimler's purchase of a majority stake in Fokker less than three years earlier. refused to pump any more money into it as Germany's biggest company headed for £2 billion losses. But his original strategy had been to use

let it be known that he will be willing to sell the loss-making a jungle," he said.

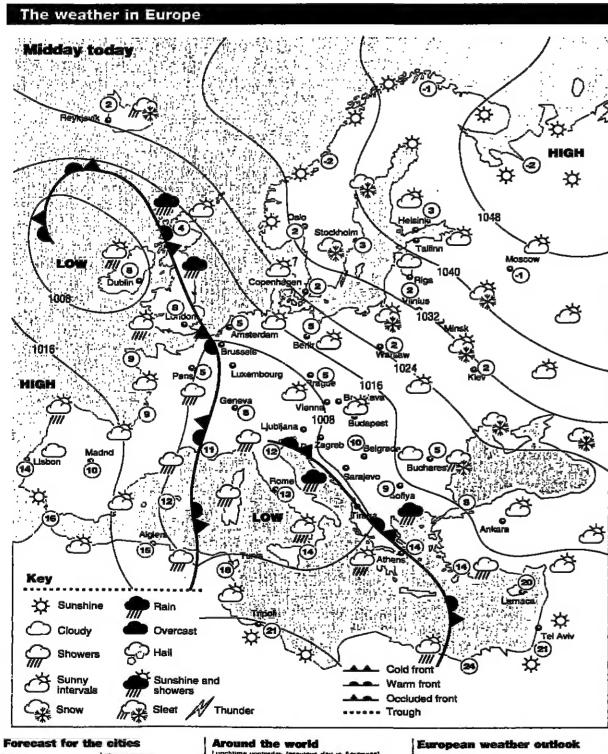
The more perceptive industry executives like Dick

Dornier, the German maker of small turboprops, as well.

Dornier is just one of 12 suppliers of regional aircraft to the global market.

Logically, with Fokker gone, Dornier should be sold to or merged with AIR, the joint venture of BAe, France's Aerospa-tiale and Italy's Alenia. But the Germans, still keen to be players in the regional aircraft in-dustry, will have nothing to do with AIR and would prefer to work through the existing Airbus consortium with Britain. France and Italy to produce a

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ern Sweden but most places will have another fine and bright day with plenty of sunshine. Over the next few days it will stay settled as high pressure remains tirmly entrenched over Russia. Max temp

Low Countries, Germany, Austria, Switzerland: Switzerland and Austria will have another unset-

Central and southern France will be cloudy and damp with some heavy rain over the southern tringes. Northern France should be drier and brighter with seasonal normal temperatures. Max

North-east Spain will be cold and unsettled with some heavy showers, and the north-west coasts of Portugal and Spain may also catch the odd mindownpour, but the remaining regions will be fine and bright with long sunny spells. Max temp 10-16C from north to south.

Pressure is low across the country and that means more wet weather in many places today, although north-eastern Greece may have some reasonable dry and bright spells from time to time. Max temp 12-16C.

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'Great warmth comes out to the people here from every part of the country'



Tony Blair and John Major talk to pupils and parents

Political foes link arms to lead mourning

Erlend Clouston, Vivak Chaudhary and Martin Waime

OHN MAJOR and Tony Blair yesterday led the national mourning over the Dunblane primary school shootings, laying wreaths at the school gate and praising the resilience of staff in the face of Thomas Hamil-

The unprecedented joint mission spent 50 minutes longer than scheduled at the site of Wednesday's massacre. They spoke to school staff and members of the school board and visited the gymnasium where Thomas Hamilton shot dead 16 pupils and teacher

The Prime Minister pro-posed that section of the school building, which doubles up as an assembly hall, be demolished. He also appealed for a minute's silence on Sunday — Mother's Day.

The Queen abandoned a ceremonial speech yesterday to read a brief and heartfelt tribute to the people of Dun-blane and the courage of shat-

every one. May their courage remain undimmed."

tered families.
She set aside her intended comments on the new Royal Armouries museum in Leeds, including a reference to the fascination held for weaponry, to say: "My heart goes out to them, each and

The school board is to con-

molishing the school gym. The school is due to reopen for teachers next Thursday, with pupils readmitted the following day. Psychologists have advised that the weekend, coupled with the imminent Easter holidays, should dilute the stress of returning to a brilding with each her

to a building with such hor-rific associations. rific associations.

Counselling will be available for teachers and pupils, although parents will not be encouraged to linger. "You have to reach a stage where it is as near normal as possible for the children," said Ann Hill, Scottish School Boards Association chief executive

Association chief executive.
The politicians emerged from the school after 95 min-

the mound of flowers now spilling 20 yards down the pavement, they walked across the playground where Thomas Hamilton first began discharging his weapons.
The Prime Minister said he

had been struck by the strength and resolution of the teachers he spoke to. "I hope the pupils of this school. everyone connected with it in every way, the teachers, and the ancillary staff, I hope they understand the enormous warmth that comes out to them from every part of the

country at the moment."

Mr Blair, who wiped away a Hill. Scottish School Boards
Association chief executive.
The politicians emerged from the school after 95 minutes, clearly shaken. Before adding their floral tributes to

age and resilience of everyone connected with the school The party leaders were accompanied by Scottish Secretary Michael Forsyth and his shadow, George Robertson.

Earlier Mr Major and Mr

Blair had visited Stirling Royal Infirmary, seeing vic-tims of the shootings and praising medical staff. Both politicians spent about 20 minutes talking to the medical staff. Some looked visibly distressed and

sobbed as they spoke.
At the school Mr Major and
Mr Blair talked in the canteen to about 30 school staff and school board members. Gerry McDermott, a spokes-

man for the board, said the joint visit would have helped the community. "It stre of human na- at Abbey National branches.

those who were present."

The politicians spent five minutes inspecting the gymnasium where Mrs Mayor and her pupils died.

Earlier Mr Blair had said the suspension of normal par-liamentary business was an expression of the party lead-ers' solidarity with the people

of Dunblane.
"We feel by the way in which the incident has altered the whole politics of Britain and the nature and shape of our political lives that in some sense we pay respect to the people here."

• Messages of sympathy can be sent to Freepost Dunblane, the Royal Mail said last night. Donations can be made to account number X10985592 DUN



The Queen speaking of her sorrow in Leeds yesterday

Medical staff weep at memory as survivor suffers relapse

Amic Adam, aged five:

Vivek Chaudhary

MEDICAL staff who wit-nessed the carnage at Dunblane Primary School spoke for the first time yesterday about the incident, saying nothing could have prepared them for the scenes of horror. Brenda Fleming, an accident and emergency consul-tant at Stirling Royal Infirmary, where seven of the survivors are being treated,



my feet. There were bodies everywhere. It just seemed they died where they stood, it didn't seem they had long enough to move an arm or

As doctors described the carnage at the school, colleages announced that one of the survivors being treated in Yorkhill hospital, Glasgow. had suffered a relapse and was being moved back into intensive care. Amie Adam, aged five, sustained gunshot injuries to her leg and is suf-

fering from fat embolism. where marrow from her in-jured leg has entered her

Ryan Liddell, aged five, also in Yorkhill hospital, with arm njuries, is reported to be stable while a third boy is said to be critical but stable, with foot, chest and eye inju-

All seven survivors being treated at Stirling Royal Infirmary are making satisfactory recoveries. Matthew Birnie, one of two boys in intensive care, had been moved to the children's ward and three other children are showing signs of improvement, one

ven playing. Both injured teachers are lescribed as comfortable and will undergo routine opera-tions over the next few days. One, Mary Blake, said yester day: "I don't think I have come to terms with it yet. But I am feeling physically much, much better

Dr Fleming, who has worked at Stirling Royal Infirmary since December 1994. said that when she entered the school gym. she saw some children already being treated by local GPs. "I went into the second entrance to check the dead for signs of life. We had a quick look around and then you go to the ones who are alive, and sort

out your priorities. was walking around from body to body to body and saying 'That child and that child must go first'.

"When you think that every living child has been taken to

the hospital, you go back and check to make sure that there's nobody who might possibly be surviving. I went from body to body feeling pulses, seeing if they were alive."

Dr Fleming, fighting back tears as she spoke, said the teachers were brilliant, distraught but superb. look the less seriously injured children away from the gym. children. It was the stuff of what I saw. We do training at accident and emergency. It's my job, but nothing can prepare you for this."

Senior staff nurse Wilma Duggan wept as she recalled the arrival of the first dead and injured children at hospi-tal. "They were so small, so wee, and they all looked so

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Judge's wide-ranging inquiry could last a year or more

HE inquiry ordered into the Dunblane school killings is expected to follow closely those established in Scotland to examine the Lockerbie and Piper Alpha disasters and the more recent Chi-

nook helicopter crash. Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, is unlikely to make a detailed statement about the scope and timescale of the inquiry for several days, having told the Com-mons on Thursday that it was up to Lord Cullen to decide hat issues he looked at. Lord Cullen, the senior

Scottish judge who carried out for the Scottish Pro-out the 13-month Piper Alpha oil rig inquiry, yesterday met the Lord Advocate and the Lord President of the Court of the Court of the Scottish Pro-curate Fiscal. Police are gath-ering evidence for that inves-tigation, which could take weeks at least. Session to discuss procedures and timetable.

The Cabinet has already decreed that the inquiry must look at the effectiveness of existing gun controls and at whether the various authorities who came into contact with the killer, Thomas Hamilton, took appropriate action. It will also examine school

security.

The inquiry will be separate from the fatal accident

People who give evidence to the fatal accident inquiry will do so in public and under oath. The inquiry can make recommendations to the Gov-

Although Mr Forsyth told MPs that he would do everything possible to complete Lord Cullen's investigation as soon as possible, experts say it could take at least a year because of the range of issues it must tackle.

inquiry — similar to an in-quest in England and Wales try to reconstruct Hamilton's produced for a govern — which by law must be car background. It will not be a big technical issue.

blane and will cover not only how he was first granted a such matters as the extent of his involvement in running a youth club in Bishopbriggs.

Lord Cullen is considered the country. He demonstrated

his ability to absorb highly technical data during the in-quiry into the Piper Alpha oil rig fire, which cost the lives of 167 offshore workers in July 1988.

considered to be one of the finest, clearest and most com-It is likely the inquiry will prehensive documents ever produced for a government on



I looked around to see that Mrs Knittel had suddenly turned into Luise Rainer. I recognised the same woman described by Henry Miller and the intense and lively dark eyes that shone from the screen over half a century ago.

Outlook page 19

Teacher hit by boy wins record damages

Donald Macleod on a landmark case

nently injured by a 10-year-old boy has been awarded record compensation of £82,500.

Her union said it would sue local authorities and grant-maintained school governors wherever possible in the face of rising violence in the

The Coventry teacher was hit by the boy as she tried to persuade him to return to a son. The pupil at Frederick Bird primary school shouted abuse at Hazel Spence Young and then hit her under the chin. It is understood that she still has difficulty moving her

Her case was taken up by the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers and settled by the local authority just be-

fore it went to court. Coven-try did not admit liability.

Action was taken solely against the local education authority because the 10-yearold was below the age of criminal responsibility. It is understood that he had had a history of behavioural problems since starting at nursery

The case should focus the attention of school manage-ment on the need to protect staff from children who were known to be violent, Mr de

Gruchy said. The union claimed it receives about 20 calls a week from members attacked by carry weapons. The ministers pupils, parents or intruders, but governing bodies were Bill going through

PRIMARY teacher | police because they were wor-who was perma- ried about their school's reputation.

Nigel de Gruchy, the union's general secretary, said the case illustrated a growing problem. "We intend to pursue more and more of these cases. We will be suing people left, right and centre if possible, to make employers

face up to their responsibilities."
The out-of-court settlement is believed to be the largest sum paid for injuries to a teacher in a mainstream school, although larger sums have been paid in special schools and young offender centres.
The NASUWT, with other

teaching unions, is pressing the Government for more disruptive children from mainstream schools. Headteachers also want a change in the law so that children who are excluded cannot return to a school after their parents appeal.

The threat to teachers was highlighted by the fatal stabbing of Philip Lawrence, the London headteacher who went to the aid of a pupil who was being attacked by a gang at his school gates.

Ministers have accepted recommendations from a working party of teachers' representatives to allow police to search schools for knives and other weapons and to make it offence to



The BBC Concert Orchestra and Chorus conducted by Barry Wordsworth at yesterday's dress rehearsal of Leonard Bernstein's Candide at Golders Green Hippodrome, north London. The work is to be broadcast on March 27 as the climax of Radio 3's Flifties season PHOTOGRAPH FRANK MARTIN

'Fiasco' claim over radio survey slump

Andrew Culf Media Correspo

HE radio industry was in disarray yesterday after a new method of measuring audiences was abandoned because it showed a dramatic slump in listening. The radio research body, Rajar, denied there was embarrassment over the failure

of the new system, but the BBC expressed frustration at the unreliable data.

to produce results compara-ble with those for previous quarters, meaning the industry had effectively lost count of its listeners.

Roger Gane, executive director of Rajar - jointly funded by the BBC, commercial radio and advertisers — issued a warning on using the figures for detailed analysis of stations' performances. But he denied the affair was a

Figures for the final quarity jar has agreed the figures we ter of 1995 had to be weighted have produced are appropriate and maintain the comparability of the data." However, broadcasters have privately described the

failure as a fiasco. Under the old system a sample of about 50,000 listeners completed pre-printed diaries, indicating what times they had listened. The new system involved respondents compiling their own diaries by applying stickers of the stations they listened to. Mr Gane said the results showed a substantial decline in weekly reach for nearly all stations, and appeared not to pick up "light listeners" who only tune in for short periods of time.

As the results were deemed unreliable, a review of the methodology is now under way. No decision has been taken on how figures for 1996's first quarter will be

of marketing and publicity, for its disastrous first year.

said: "It is a very frustrating position." The weighted figures show most BBC radio services reasonably stable, including Radio 1's weekly audience of 11.2 million listeners. Talk

Radio UK claimed it had at-tracted 2 million a week. London's all-women station Vival 963am, which slumped to a weekly reach of 59,000, is 996's first quarter will be planning a relaunch after in-creasured.
Sue Farr, BBC radio's head transmitters which it blamed

Cock fight pair jailed

Gary Younge

■WO men who organised a "cocklighting conven-tion" were jailed yesterfined in what is only the fifth prosecution since the sport was outlawed 150 years ago.

Thames magistrates court in south London was told that 40 police and RSPCA officers stormed a shed on a caravan site in Belvedere, south-east London, in April last year to find the 12 men and a 16-yearold youth watching two birds

fighting.
Four other birds lay dead on the ground.

The men tried to escape but were tracked down by a police helicopter and dogs and found hiding in a disused

tollet nearby.

"It was clearly a well-organised cockfight." said Rex
Bryan, prosecuting.

John Lee, aged 48, of Belvedere, was jailed for three months and ordered to pay £600 costs after he was con-victed of eight offences of to fight, and using his shed as

a venue for cockfighting. Mark Giles, aged 31. of South Billingshurst, was con victed of procuring cocks to fight, and was jailed for to one month and ordered to pay £500 costs.

The other 10 were each fined £300 with £200 costs, while the youth was given a discharge.

Lee's counsel, Sarah Forshaw, told the court that cock-fighting was an old Gypsy tra-dition and did not warrant a prison sentence.
"My client is from a very

old Romany band. "I do not suggest that the law is improper, but anyone attending a cocklight would be from an old Gypsy family

Record for four ministers

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

of John Major's government enter the parliamentary record books today for each notching up 16 years and 313 days in continuous period this

century.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kenneth Clarke the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Pat-rick Mayhew, and the Over-seas Aid Minister, Baroness Chalker, were all appointed junior ministers in Margaret Thatcher's first government after the defeat of the Callaghan ad-



that he is prepared to quit

1979 general election. Their first jobs were, respectively, transport, social services, Scotland, and emministration in the May ployment, and they have Europe.

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held a variety of posts

ter, Lady Chalker was ele-vated to the Lords by John Major after losing her Wal-lasey seat in the 1992 gen-eral election. Mr Clarke joined Mrs

Thatcher's government at the tender age of 31. In her memoirs, Margaret Thatcher recalls her decision to appoint Mr Clarke to the Cabinet in 1985: are some people that it is better to bring in because they would cause nore trouble outside.

Mr Major may be ponder ing those words amid rumours at Westminster that Mr Clarke is prepared to resign over differences with the Prime Minister or

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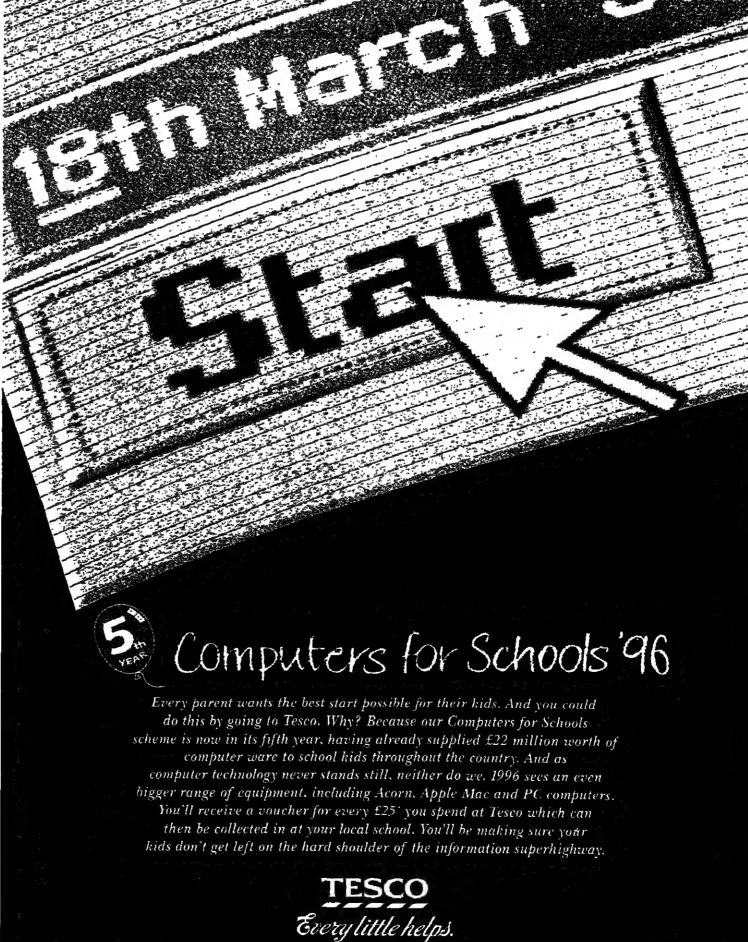
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The Guardian Saturday March 16 1996 **NHS trusts** face cash problems

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

LMOST one in three NHS trusts is worth less than when it opted out of health au-thority control, according to thority control, according a manalysis which is urging a worth £42.4 million part total systems of by public donation. Its total assets are £70.4 million.

Hertfordshire, is said in effect to be bankrupt. It owes more

The analysis covers all 496 trusts in operation last year in Britain and Northern Ireland. It shows that the Great Ormand Street children's hospital. London, has the highest financial stability of them all,

By contrast, 14 English trusts with ratings below 50 are said to have "poor" stability. The lowest is the Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear hospital. London, which has a rating of only 3.6 but which is merging with another trust at the end of this than the £1-per-share set when they were established.

The index has been con-structed by C4 Consulting, a financial consultancy, by combining five measures of fi-nancial robustness: trusts'

Mr Chan said trusts should performance against the requirement for them to make a 6 per cent return on assets: the value of their public dividend emittals the number of loans where lic dividend capital: the number of times their operating surplus (if any) would cover interest payments; and both the volume and value of creditors' bulls settled within 30 E190 plus £10 p & p.

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Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

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Sir Iain Glidewell.

SENIOR judge has

Awarned the Govern-ment that new asylum

legiskation will not succeed in

gee cases by making them

Judge David Pearl, chair-

man of the Immigration Ap-pollate Authority, which

oversees the asylum appeals

machinery, gave his warning in evidence to an independent

inquiry into the Asylum and limingration Bill chaired by a

former Court of Appeal judge,

which has taken evidence from more than 80 organisations.

Adjudicator, that the Home Secretary, Michael Howard,

should reconsider his deci-sion to expel the Saudi dissi-dent Mohammed al-Mas'ari.

that the bill will have a major

impact on the case backlog," he said "The waiting list for

substantive cases [that go to appeal] could well increase beyond the present time."

One of the main justifica-

'I am not convinced at all

will report before Easter. The warning from Judge Pari follows his ruling last

The Glidewell inquiry,

as Chief Immigration

days. The average rating is 71.6, but 73 English trusts are shown to score below a threshold of 62.5 and are deemed to have poor or rela-tively low financial stability. Great Ormond Street's high score is attributed largely to the fact that it has assets

Horizon, which provides services for people with learning disability or mental handicap, recorded an operat-ing deficit of £8.6 million in 1994-95 and has net liabilities of £2.9 million.

This is attributed by the trust to a requirement to log in advance the early retire-ment costs of staff leaving the achieving a rating of 99.9 on three long-stay hospitals it is an index of 100. running down.
However, Serge Chan, co-author of the analysis, said:

onth.

The next lowest rating is atIt had been thought that tributed to Greenwich Health-care, south London, which scores 9.0. trusts would gain from annual revaluation of their assets, but the flat property

appropriate.

C4 Trust Monitor, C4

application for asylum and the final decision for "genu-ine" asylum-seekers who

have a well-founded fear of persecution. But Judge Pearl said the legislation intro-

duced six categories of asylum-seekers who would

have their cases considered under a "fast track" proce-dure which currently only ap-

plied to cases deemed "mani-

He told the inquiry that ex-

perience had shown such fast

track procedures would mean

more time would be spent on

these priority cases and even less on those applications which needed substantive

consideration. Those asylum

seekers outside the fast track

procedures would have to wait even longer for a deci-sion and could not claim in-

come support or housing ben-efit in the meantime.

At the end of February

there was a backlog of 14,328 appeals waiting to be heard

month. The adjudicators can

only hear about 700 cases a

month, so the backlog is

growing by 1,500 per month.

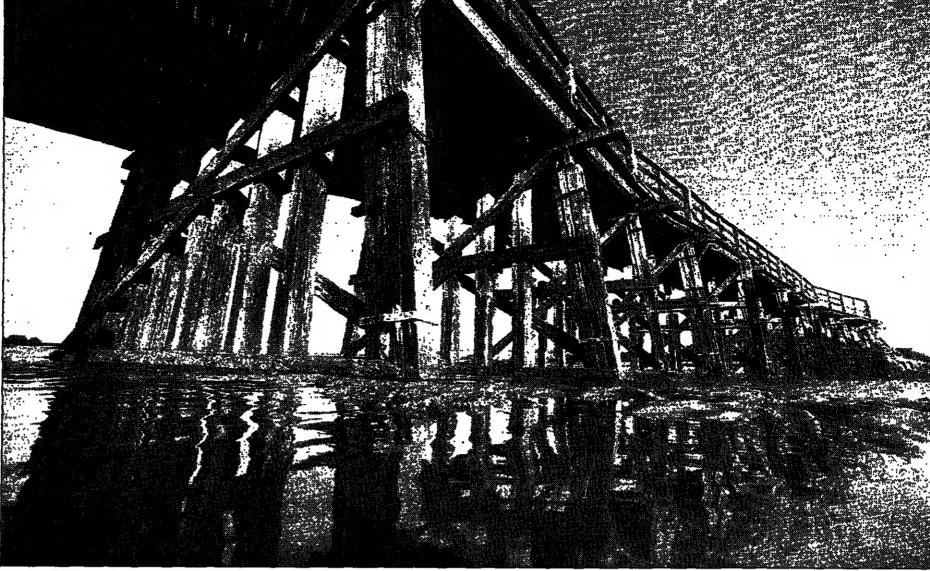
ing, has claimed the Govern-

ment is failing to provide enough each to help local au-

festly unfounded".

Trusts with "Poor" Financial Stability, England

not cut logjam'



Time span . . . The Grade 2 listed wooden toll bridge at Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, built in 1781 by unemployed Welsh miners out of imported jarrah wood, from Australian

'Cynical and confused' consumers abandon search for green products

Report seeks government action to end labelling fiasco Paul Brown reports

multiple interpretations, confusing, of no real benefit, or even downright dishonest, according to the National Consumer Council in a report to the Government.

gos and found it impossible to distinguish between official eventually and disappeared iarks of addroval and man facturers' marketing symbols which had nothing to do with Asylum bill will which had nothing to do with the product. Many had simply given up attempting to buy given up attempting to buy green products.

The report, compiled at the behest of the departments of environment, and trade and industry, demands government action. Without it the council says that policy objectives on the environment and European eco-labelling schemes are doomed. Indeed. manufacturers had no incen tive to join proper schemes since they could do just as well with completely mean-ingless and misleading labels of their own.

The extent of confusion among shoppers startled the esearchers, who even found some consumers refusing to buy recycled products — such as toilet paper — thinking they had been used before. Among the examples of | it contradictory, which had to | SW1W ODH, £14.50

NVIRONMENTAL meaningless claims were labels that said biodegradable or CFC-free. CFCs were less, unverifiable, open to banned from all consumer products in the UK anyway so organisations were not necesif they did contain them it would be illegal. Nearly everything was biodegradable and all UK detergents ex-ceeded European Union stan-Consumers were cynical dards. What the label meant and confused about green lowas that the contents of the package were broken down

> Watchdog attacks claims as woolly, meaningless or downright dishonest

Recyclable was another claim that regularly appeared on disinfectant, shampoo, washing up liquid bottles, shaving foam, and tuna cans. While in theory plastic botties and cans are recyclable — almost everything is — in practice, very few local authorities have the facilities to recycle either. So unless the consumer takes them to a special collection centre, the claim will be meaningless."
There was a bewildering

be assessed by consumers. The claims that have Most gave up the struggle. Shoppers tended to respect the endorsement of wellthe public baffled known independent bodies, like the World Wide Fund for Nature or Friends of the Earth, but research showed that products backed by those Green claims which confuse the public, according to the National Consumer Coun-

sarily offering any greater en-vironmental benefits. they appear on:

Dishwasher liquid: "Easy on the environ-ment": "Faith in Nature" — While advertising was tightly controlled, the claims on the packages themselves Clear Spring.

Bleach bottle: "This

were not, even though they it amounted to the same thing. There was a remedy under bottle is made of Polyethe-lene and contains more the Trade Descriptions Act 1968 but there had only been than 25 per cent recycled plastic." — Domestos. four prosecutions because of the difficulty of proof. The Water: "The Hildon source lies deep within chalk hills ... fully protected from the environment — Hildon. report recommends legislation to clean up green claims either by amending the act to make prosecution easier or Toilet cleaner: "Only biodegradable surfactants are used." — Tesco. the introduction of an envi-

ronmental claims act. A third alternative would be a regulatory system simi-lar to that of advertisments which would apply to labels or packaging on the products

The council chairman. David Hatch, said: "If we continued to be bombarded with contradictory and misleading product claims, shoppers cannot be blamed for deciding all products are as harmful as each other.'

investigation; National Consumer Council, 20

News in brief

Yorkshire Water chief resigns

THE managing director of Yorkshire Water, Trevor Newton, resigned yesterday after six years with the privatised firm and 14 years with its publicly-owned predecessor. During the 1995 drought Mr Newton, aged 52, became notorious by claiming be had not taken a bath or shower for three months, but photos of him roughing it with a washing-up bowl and flannel were followed by the revelation that he took regular baths at his parents' home in Northumbria, outside the drought area. Yorkshire Water's chairman, Sir Gordon Jones, resigned earlier this year. A drought inquiry opens in Leeds on Mon-day. — Martin Wainwright City Notebook, page 31

Escape from police cells

POLICE were last night hunting for five prisoners who walked out of their cells at a police station. The five were waiting to be ransferred to prison on remand after appearing trates at Solihull, West Midlands, on Thursday. Police said the circumstances of the escape were being investi-gated. They named the men, all from the Birmingham area, as Alan Scott, 27, Lee King, 25, Jayevonn Williams, 17, Nazam Ali, 21, and Abid Ali Shah, 18.

Pensioner raped in her home

A 78-YEAR-OLD woman was raped early yesterday as she slept in her home in Buxton, Derbyshire, police said. Detectives said it appeared an intruder broke into the house through a ground-floor window and attacked the woman as she lay in bed asleep.

After being seen by her doctor the woman, who was shocked but uninjured, was allowed home.

Hotel closed to get rid of virus

THE Metropole in Blackpool, Lancashire, is being closed for a week after 143 people staying there were taken ill with diarrhoea. The outbreak was the latest in a series to affect guests, many

elderly, at the seafront 350-bed hotel. Environmental health officers have told the hotel's operator. Buttin's, that the illnesses were caused by an airborne virus not connected with the hotel's hygiene. The hotel management said yesterday it had decided to close and call in specialist cleaners.

Trident sub in tugs row

maze of information, much of

David Fairhall Defence Correspondent

HE Royal Navy's latest Trident nuclear missile submarine, HMS Vigilant, has become embroiled in a dispute involving tugs that The judge's warning comes as the former Tory cabinet minister, Lord Jenkin of Rodare essential to escort it from the VSEL shipyard at Bar-The rug crews, members of the Royal Maritime Auxiliary Service, have threatened introns for the legislation is that | thorities cope with asylum dustrial action over a governinster procedures would seekers after cuts to their reduce the time between an benefits. ment decision to privatise

much of their work.

Jobs like shepherding Vigi-lant's 15,000-tonne bulk ployment contracts. But they through the Walney Channel at Barrow — an awkward manoeuvre even at the top of the tide — will in future be handed over to a commercial consortium, Denholm-Serco. Not only will the sell-off

mean the loss of 500 jobs, but the crews are also incensed that an in-house bid for the work by RMAS staff was rejected by the Ministry of De-fence, although it is believed to have been 3 per cent cheaper than the successful one. The MoD justified its choice

house proposals did not match the "management requirements of the task". A flotilla of tugs and specialised support vessels is heading for the Cumbrian port from various naval bases | The total estimated cost of to ensure Vigilant is not damaged by grounding as it starts its sea trials.

Disgruntled crews have been warned by the Institu-tion of Professionals, Managers and Specialists - which However, in real terms this is represents many RMAS staff - that precipitate strike cast in 1982.

can in effect work-to-rule by insisting that detailed health and safety regulations are rigorously applied. The IPMS disputes an MoD

calculation that privatisation will save the taxpayer £105 million over 10 years, arguing that once a commercial firm gets the basic contract, it will charge extra for additional work.
Taking the submarine from

the shipyard involves moving it down to the dock gates on Saturday, then out through the Walney Channel at high tide on Sunday morning. Those in charge cannot afford any risk of Vigilant grounding and drying out at low tide, as its nuclear reactor relies on a supply of cooling water. the four-boat Trident pro-gramme has risen by \$417 million, the MoD announced yesterday in answer to a parliamentary question, and now stands at £12,153 million. well below the original fore-

Ferry captain committed suicide'

cil; the manufacturers or retailers, and the products

D Household cleaners:

"This product contains bio-degradable detergents". —

Washing up liquids: "Contains only biodegrad-

☐ Cereal boxes: "This packaging uses 70 per cent recycled board." -

Sainsbury.
More than 60 products

claimed credit for not using

CFCs, including hairspray from Asda, Sunsilk, Boots,

Silvikrin, Harmony, Cossack; and styling mousse

from Asda, Boots, Safeway,

able detergents".

AFERRY captain who went missing from his ship is believed to have taken his own life by jumping into the North Sea, writes Alex Bellos.
John Carroll, aged 51, was last seen on Thursday when he left the bridge of the P & O ferry, European Tideway, as it sailed from Rotterdam to Felixstowe. The crew realised he was missing 90 minutes later, when the ship was 35 miles from the Suffolk coast. A search was called off late on

Thursday night. P&O has launched an investigation, although a spokesman said it appeared that safety procedures were complied with. He added: "There are believed to be no suspicious circumstances." Mr Carroll, who has 25 years' service with the com-pany, lived in Bury St Ed-

munds, Suffolk, with his wife

Angels and children. A coastguard spokesman said he would not expect anybody to survive longer than an hour in the North Sea at this time of year.

Duke 'was made into fall guy'

THE Duke of Manchester appeared yesterday in court in Tampa Florida, to bear his lawyer claim he was the fall guy for a fraudulent attempt to buy Tampa Bay's Lightning ice hockey team. Angus Montagu, aged 58, is charged with a co-defendent, Carroll Tessier, who has absconded on bail, with conspiracy to defraud the team's backers of \$27 million (£18 million) in 1991. The duke's lawyer said Mr Tessier used his client as a front man. But assistant attorney Jay Hoffer said Montagu headed a company called Link International Ltd that was supposed to bail the fledgling team out of inancial difficulties. The trial continues.

Recipe for longevity

A 100-YEAR-OLD woman got a phone call of congratulations yesterday — from her older sister. Eva Macey, who celebrated her 100th birthday at the Avandale Rest Home, Woolston, Hampshire. is two years younger than her sister, Agnes Fuller. The secret of their vitality? "We've both led healthy lives," Eva said.

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The truth is that sport has become boring. Watching it feels, all too often, like eating a meal when you are already stuffed as a full as a sofa. Over the past few years it has had an extremely good run. Laura Thompson

Vote by Russian MPs alarms former republics

Duma 'resurrects' the Soviet Union

James Meek in Moscow

HE RUSSIAN parliament voted overwhelmingly yesterday to renounce the agreement confirming the break-up of the Soviet Union, casting doubt on Russia's future recognition of the independence of 14 neighbouring countries, including the Baltic states and Ukraine.

The vote appears to have no immediate legal force. Members of the Communist Party, which moved it admitted afterwards that it was a political gesture and insisted it would not harm relations with other former Soviet

But the sentiments expressed in the resolution will Soviet Union and could lead

Julian Borger in Sarajevo

HE United Nations yes-terday accused Bosnian Federation police of

standing by and allowing the intimidation of Serbs and the

looting of their homes in the Sarajevo suburbs, undermin-

ing the city's chances of remaining multi-ethnic. Since Tuesday, when the

federation police moved into Ilidza, the largest suburb, the area has been inundated by

Sarajevo's criminal under-

world has arrived with them,

looting and threatening many

hind after the suburbs trans-

cafe yesterday, laughing and chatting. Gangs of youths were carrying property away

from houses in full view of federation police patrols.

"Federation policemen in the area seem to be less than

interested in investigating these reports and indifferent towards preserving law and order in Ilidza," said Alexan-

der Ivanko, a UN spokesman.

they were verbally insulting [

ferred to federation control. A group of well-known gang bosses sat outside an Ilidza

imminent "liberation" in two | vote. "Neither Ukraine nor already tense pro-Russian regions of the near abroad, Crimea and the left bank of the river Dnestr in Moldova. The Communist leader Gen-

nady Zyuganov, who remains the favourite to beat Boris Yeltsin in June's presidential elections, fears that his rival is trying to steal his image as the best guarantor of the reintegration of the former Soviet

But it is a long way from President Yeltsin's vague plan for a loose confederation of Russia, Bielarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, which could be fleshed out later this cound be nested out later this month, to yesterday's vote, which many will see as a Communist statement of in-tent to restore the Soviet

President Yeltsin wasted no time yesterday in condemn-ing the "scandalous" Duma

Thugs terrorise Serbs

army 'too little'

ADONOR conference to Araise money to train and equip the Bosnian Fed-

eration army produced lit-tle in the way of pledges

and funding yesterday. Chris Nuttall writes from

The United States announced details of a \$100 million (£65 million) donation of US military

80 armoured personnel car-riers, 1.000 machine guns and 46,000 rifles.

Although many Muslim countries attended. Turkey was the only other state to

announce a contribution — \$2 million in training. The

pledges were far short of the \$1 billion in military aid it

Serbs and trying to force them to leave their houses."

Mr Ivanko said about 10,000 local Serbs had remained in

the suburbs after their own

authorities withdrew. They

tees from the federation au-

needed over the next year.

Muslims reoccupying their donation of US military former property or looking equipment. It included 45 battle tanks, 15 helicopters,

Two federation policemen were seen laughing and encouraging Muslims when nity on the basis of guaran-

any other former Union republic is going to march into the Soviet Union with a red flag," he said.

The arcane terms of the de nunciation, approved by 250 votes to 98, involved cancelling a previous decision by parliament of December 1991 to annul the agreement set-ting up the Soviet Union almost 70 years before.

In a second vote yesterday. backed by 252 deputies against 33, the Duma declared legally valid a March 1991 Soviet-wide referendum supporting the continuing exis-tence of the Union.

The gesture is likely to be popular among Russian voters, but will make the task of pro-integration politicians in countries like Bielarus and Ukraine much harder in the face of heightened nationalist

year-old, was the only Serb determined to stay on, despite

a brush with a Muslim gang.
"There were four of them,"
he said. "They asked me to
exchange property with them.
I said I didn't want to."

totally clean, and I will stay at



Taking centre stage . . . Countess Stefania Ariosto and righwing leader Vittorio Dotti at La Scala opera house in Milan

Antiques dealer shops Berlusconi

One of the gang had then pointed to two grenades lying on the ground, and asked Mr Karabatak what he was doing with them. The Serb, who had seen the man drop the grenades from his pockets, said he was not afraid. "I have done nothing to be ashamed of I am trailly clean and I will stay at John Hooper in Rome reports on a trail of evidence stretching other questions," she has a past strewn other questions, she said with financial controversy. Her plan for a golf comfrom a fashionable boutique to the leader of the Italian right

Ablewoman and former business part-ner of Princess Caroline of Monaco's late any price," he said. Danilo Staka and his husband is the key witness daughter disappeared days in a bribery scandal that before Ilidza was handed could have far-reaching effects on next month's Ital-

over. UN human rights moni-tors fear they may have been abducted and killed by Serb ian general election.
Countess Stefania Ariosto, aged 46, said this week she had told prosecutors inextremists. Nato and UN police patrols have been stepped up in Grba-vica, the last Serb-held Saravestigating the business af-fairs of the leader of the jevo suburb, due to be handed over on Tuesday.

Italian right, Silvio Berius-coni, that she had "seen

money change bands" at a | that Mr Berlusconi govparty thrown by his lawyer in Rome.

"I saw it and others saw "It was at the end of the eighties... People boasted of certain things in those days."
Ms Ariosto acknowledged
that she was "witness

Omega", whose testimony prompted a dawn raid last Wednesday on the home of a senior Rome judge.

Judge Renato Squillante was taken into custody on a warrant alleging that he

oney in cash from com nies beadquartered in Milan which, for the mo ment, it is not opportune to Newspaper reports yes-terday, apparently based on leaked reports of Judge Squillante's interrogation,

said the companies were part of Mr Berlusconi's Milan-based Fininvest empire. The warrant claimed that the alleged bribes were handed over by Mr Berlus coni's lawyer in Rome, Ce sare Previti, and a member of his chambers. Mr Previti, who was also

the television magnate's defence minister during the show copies of receipts to Ciently convincing witness. Show copies of receipts to Ciently convincing witness. Once—by her own admisseven tumultuous months revenue guard officers.

World news in brief

erned Italy, has denied the claims. Mr Berlusconi accused the prosecutors investigating him of being "engaged in politics, not justice".

Ms Ariosto said she be-came involved in the in-quiry through her antiques shop on Milan's most fash-

ionable thoroughfare. Via

receiving death threats after she first gave evi-dence last July. She now lives at a secret location in Milan, protected round the clock by a five-strong team Montenapoleone. Others of armed revenue guards. She said she had moved

Dotti.

The countess has another link with Mr Berlusconi.

Her escort for the past eight years is his party's leader in the lower house of the Italian parliament, Vittorio

Ms Ariosto reported

Investigators found among her takings had received "large sums of bearer cheques drawn on an account which has attracted their curiosity

> include Gucci, Ferragamo and Girolamo Etro. Investigators discovered that among her "takings" were bearer cheques signed by Mr Berlusconi and drawn on an account which has attracted their curiosity. She has said the cheques were used merely in payment for paintings and furniture for Mr Berlusconi's lavishly decorated mansion at Arcore near Milan.

house three times in the past nine months. Shortly after Christmas a parcel was delivered to her latest, supposedly secret, address. Inside was a dead baby goat with its throat cut, she

"It was all full of blood and gave off an horrendous stench. I began screaming." One of the several questions hanging over the inquiry is whether the countess will prove a suffi-

with financial controversy.

Her plan for a golf complex near Milan led to bankruptcy proceedings against both her and her partner, Stefano Casiraghi. Mr Casiraghi, who married Princess Caroline of Monaco, died in 1990 in an offshore boeting accident.

shore boating accident.

She is currently in dispute with her insurers over a robbery from her shop, which is owned by the Roman Catholic Church. Yesterday she acknowl-edged not having paid rent on it for the past 10 years, but said this was because the cleric responsible for collecting the rent had refused to do so.

Ms Ariosto's evidence could do immense damac to Mr Berlusconi, who hopes to return to power after the April 21 poll. He is already on trial for bribing revenue guard officers. The countess's key depo-

sition is understood to concern a champagne and lobster supper at Mr Previti's house on the Pizzza Far-nese in Rome in late 1988. In leaked testimony she was quoted as saying that she had seen Judge Squillante, Mr Previti and his associate standing together around a table.

"On the table there were numerous wads of money Squillante was saying Yes, I'll take care of things'."



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China announces new war games to coincide with vote

CHINA piled on the pres-sure against Taiwan yes-

terday, announcing yet an-other round of war games, a joint exercise of ground, sea and air forces close to a Taiwanese held island and timed to straddle Taiwan's first direct presidential election next weekend, *Andrew Hig*gins in Taipei writes.

WHO attacks

research 'crime'

HE head of the World

Health Organisation's

tuberculosis research unit accused two Japanese drug-makers of failing to develop

promising tuberculosis

treatments during an "epl-

Paul Nunn, chief of the

WHO's global tuberculosis

programme research and

surveillance unit, said

Dainippon Pharmaceutical

Company and Dailchi Phan

maceutical Company had

both patented compounds

that could advance the

treatment for tuberculosis.

"They are refusing to do the research," Mr Nunn

told reporters at a confer-

ence in Stevenage on tuber-culosis sponsored by Glaxo

Mr Nunn and other offi-

cials at the conference

called on drug companies

to put more research into

treatments for tuberculo-

sis, which kills about 3 mil-

lion people worldwide a

demic" of the disease.

military manoeuvres for March 18-25 came as the People's Liberation Army

ended on schedule a series of missile tests that sent four M-9 rockets, a Chinese version of the Soviet-designed Scud, hurtling into the sea near Taiwan's two biggest ports, Kao-hsiung and Keelong.

strengthened by China's sabre-rattling. Beijing, frustrated in efforts to scare voters away from Mr Lee, derided the poll, the first of its kind in any Chinese society,

182 journalists | not yet safe despite escaping a treason conviction. — Reuter. held in jail Muppets are back At least 182 journalists were in jail in 22 countries at the

number and up from 173 the year before, the Committee to Protect Journalists reported. For the second consecutive year, Turkey held more reporters in iail, 51, than any other country. Ethiopia was next with 31 journalists in jail, followed by China with 20, and Kuwait with 18, the report said. - Reuter.

end of last year, a record

Ships returned

Five Greenpeace ships - including the Rainbow Warrior - seized last autumn during the protests over the nuclear tests in the South Pacific are to be released by the French over the next few days, writes Paul Brown. Greenpeace's Wellcome, the drugmaker. ability to campaign has been "I happen to believe this is curtailed because of the loss of more than half its fleet.

Wolf still hunted

Prosecutors said yesterday they had charged East German intelligence chief Mar-kus Wolf over two cold war kidnappings, confirming that by a leaping swordfish the legendary spymaster was in Fiji said yesterday.

who appears to have

Ernie and Bert have returned safe and sound, six weeks after they were abducted from a garden show exhibition in eastern Germany. — AP. **Radiation mishap**

Two Georgian policemen and

a railway guard received heavy doses of radiation after opening a container of nuclear waste out of curiosity, a news report said yesterday. — AP.

Bahrain round-up A Bahraini opposition group claimed yesterday that some 400 suspected dissidents have been detained following an arson fire which killed seven

Bangladeshis. — AP. Called to account Three soldiers are to be courtmartialled for letting an Islamic sulcide bomber slip into Israel from the Gaza Strip, the army said yester-day.—AP.

Fatal fish

A fisherman bled to death after being stabbed in the face by a leaping swordfish, police

China's media kept up a barrage of bile against the frontrunner in the March 23 poll, President Lee Teng-hui, as "fake democracy" and "peaceful splittism". The crisis has so far failed to spread panic on Taiwan's markets. Buoyed by a £5 billion "stabilisation fund", the stock market rose sharply yesterday while Taiwan's currency reached a two-month high against the

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Bloody toll of Khmer Rouge

As casualties mount in the army's advance on rebel redoubts, Nick Cumming-Bruce in Phnom Penh reveals new evidence that the scale of the killings by Pol Pot's regime was even greater than once thought. Below he looks at the role of King Sinanouk

scars the tattooed deity dancing on Kouch Sovann's back, marking the exit of a bullet that entered the right side of his chest. At least he survived. Twenty fellow soldiers died, he says, in the fight with Kluner Rouge troops at Dead Tiger Village. the border with Thai land, where he was shot.

One of the bloodiest military offensives for many years is under way as govern nent forces arrempt to deliver a crippling blow to the last redoubts of Pol Pot in the mote forest and mountains of south-western Cambodia. Their immediate goal appears to be Pailin, a bitterly contested gateway to the Khmer Rouge zone beyond.

Government and military leaders, whose promises of swift victories last year ended in a humiliating rout, are giving away little about the progress of this year's operations. By all accounts the military have mounted a more cautious and systematic offensive, securing supply

Dead Tiger Village, a once well-defended Khmer Rouge camp protecting the route to key bases on the Thai border. has finally fallen to the government after weeks of fierce fighting, an officer in Phnom

Penh claimed this week. For all their caution, that advance and government

NEAT, round hole | barrier of bullets and mines, | bang whose uniform now in-scars the tattooed "One or two people are killed | cludes the bandaged stump of "One or two people are killed every day," says Chey Map, aged 30, hunched over crutches in a Phnom Penh hospital, nursing a mine wound to his leg sustained in western Battambang province, scene of some of the

heaviest fighting.
No one outside the military killed, only that soldiers say many are left where they fall and the wood sellers of Bat-tambang report strong de-mand for cremations of those

brought back.
A 300-strong unit of troops trained in Indonesia and pitched into the offensive in its early stages is said to have suffered more than 50 per cent casualties, including 60-80 killed. "We have no reason to disbelieve the reports," a Western observer remarked.

EVERAL truckloads of casualties arrive daily at Bat-tambang's sprawl-ing military hospital. Mr Map reported, often keeping surgeons cutting and Hospitals in these border provinces are swamped by wounded, Western aid workers in the area report, forcing the government to helicopter many casualties to the capital and elsewhere.

The fly-infested corridors of Phnom Penh's dilapidated military hospital are full of

an amputated arm or leg.

The ever-mounting toll of

casualties chalked up to the Khmer Rouge is a brutally apt footnote to one of the most insanely murderous regimes of the century. Eighteen years after invading Vietnamese troops ended Pol Pot's rule, three years after United Nations-run elections they refused to contest, the once fearsome Maoist fanatics who lead the Khmer Rouge look politically spent and geo-

graphically marginalised.
Phnom Penh citizens who only a few years ago mulled the dangers of a Khmer Rouge return are now absorbed in machinations of the regime Six flights a day carry tour-isis to the temples of Angkor Wat near the north-western provincial capital of Siem Reap which only four years ago was briefly occupied by Klimer Rouge guerrillas. But as the fighting rumbles

on in Cambodia's wild west, researchers in Phnom Penh are working on a vast hoard the horrors attributed to Khmer Rouge rule after 1975 were if anything understated. Efforts to compile a detailed

map of the mass graves left by the Khmer Rouge when Viet namese troops drove them from power have yielded results that astonish Western academics who specialised in

more graves than we ex-pected," reports Craig Etche-son, directing a programme organised by Yale University and funded by the US state department. "We originally expected a couple of hundred eiter. We programme unite programme. sites. We were quite wrong. We estimate there were be-tween 10,000 and 20,000 mass graves in Cambodia.



hundred and big ones with a couple of thousand. There is one with 4,000 bodies. The average is in the order of 100 to

also appear to have been systematic than many previously concluded. A hoard of documents unearthed by Yale's researcher expose the workings of a huge bureaucracy of death, including numerous, lengthy lists detailing the prisoners executed. "Until recently nobody

Khmer Rouge.

said to have grown stout, suf-fers from intestinal problems.

Nuon Chea, the shadowy No.

2 and Khmer Rouge ideo-logue, has had heart problems

that forced him to undergo an operation in Bangkok.

ated in the central Aural region of Cambodia high-

lighted the steady haemor-rhage of support for Pol Pot since the 1993 elections.

Everybody wants to defect if

they can come and live peace

fully with the government,

said Commander Pong Heng,

the most senior Khmer Rouge

official to defect to date.

"You have your pit, your well, your cave, your paddy field. You have small ones with a dozen people, medium-sized ones with a couple of



The description came from a senior Kluner Rouge com mander whose defection last month along with more than 350 fighters and another 850 family members who open

Earlier estimates that close to a million people died under the Khmer Rouge's four-year rule are left looking bleakly conservative. A figure of three million dead than half the population at the time — once dismissed as Vietnamese propaganda — is left looking less implausible. If the atrocities were on a greater scale than generally accepted in the West, they | 26 years in the Khmer Rouge who said he served briefly on sports a government uniform. Commander Heng seems in a hurry to catch up with the material world. His terms for surrender are said to have included a demand for a £26,000 land cruiser.

Defections by thousands of knew this stuff was there," Dr Etcheson remarks. "They were incredibly meticulous." lesser Khmer Rouge cadres and followers in the three were incredibly meticulous."

The great majority of the mass graves phipointed are tested in large areas of central within a mile of a prison. Dr and southern Cambodia Etcheson notes, part of an extensive network stretching

UT defections are down to every district. "To kill that many people you harder for cadres closer to base have to really work at it." Dr Etchison reflects. "It was an where Pol Pot and industry, perhaps Cambodia's haps 5,000 hardcore guerrillas biggest industry under the with less reason to surrender The masters of this apparaand, given the constant fighttus have prepared their de-fences with equally meticu-lous attention to detail but ing, fewer opportunities. Any hopes their resistance might crumble sway have been rudely disabused by the are on the losing end of a race against time. Pol Pot. now

bloody toll of recent months. If the government captured key positions like Pailin or the border base of Phnom Malai "at least 90 per cent of the war will be over," Commander Heng asserted. But unless something changes dramatically very soon they won't, at least not this year.

The government has perhaps another month before the start of the rainy season which shuts down large-scale military have been more sucessful than in previous years at building bridges. It leaves troops vulnerable at the end

of a shaky resupply line. The Khmer Rouge may be dying as a political entity but they are far from dead milltarily. Pol Pot, says one Western observer, looks set to fight A cool, articulate veteran of on for another year or two.

King up to his old tricks but political ace Hun Sen holds all the trumps

REPORTS of his immi-nent demise appear premature. King Norodom Sihanouk returned to Cambodia from medical treatment in China this week looking to many awaiting him at the airport a picture of health, and betraying no symptom of the ailments he warned last weekend might soon leave him unable to fulfil his duties

Brain lesions tumour as initially reported by local radio and hardening arteries threatened to disable him, he had written to his son co-prime minister Prince Norodom Ranariddh. As if to demonstrate his

vigour, the 73-year-old monarch, famous for his political theatries, quickly fired off a series of communiques denouncing press reports of his comments about the royal succession

and speculation on the motives behind his statement. Yet his comments at the weekend on the possibility of appointing the national assembly president, Chea Sim, to act as regent in his place has fuelled specula-



for political theatrics

other prime minister, Hun

King Sihanouk has studiously avoided criticising any of Cambodia's political leaders, but in a lengthy interview with a local newspaper he made clear his uneasiness with national trends that many Cambodians say are increasingly set by Mr Hun Sep.

The once absolute ruler of Cambodia, ousted by a tion about his attitude to an coup in 1970 and restored created and passed on to increasing and controver: to the throne in 1993 as a Prince Ranariddh, was in stay in power for years and stal concentration of power; purely constitutional mon-danger of extinction.

in the hands of Cambodia's | arch, said he felt a stranger in "my second kingdom". The constitution, laying the basis for multi-party politics, was a "paper mon-ument", he said. Cambodi-

ans were not much concerned about liberal democracy; hypocritical governments foreign wanted good relations with whoever was in power, whatever their democratic credentials; the royalist party Funcinpec, which he

He described as charis-matic, popular and able anmanc. popular and able another son, Prince Norodom Sirivudh, who was forced into exile by charges — widely regarded as bogus — of plotting to assassinate Bir Hun Sen.

Politicians of all hues ap-

pear to concede there is little they can do to check Mr Hun Sen's pre-eminence. their attention and efforts to preparations for the next elections, still two years away, that will test the endurance of the political aftermath of the United Na-tions's £1.3 billion intervention in Cambodia.

Former finance minister turned government critic Sam Rainsy, now trying to launch a new political party in the face of official obstruction, spoke yester-day of starting a "silent revolution" more powerful than the military muscle

Mr Hun Sen commands. King Sihanouk's appraisal of Cambodia's prospects will offer them little comfort. Politicians like Mr. Rainsy would remain in permanent opposition. Mr Hun Sen, he forecast, "will

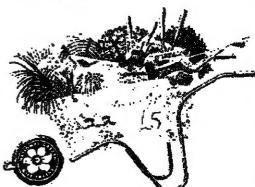
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RUGBY UNION: FIVE NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

Robert Armstrong says that both England and Ireland may be ready to banish fear and play an expansive, entertaining game this afternoon

Twickenham the stage for risk-taking

NGLAND's biggest hurdle in today's final championship hard-to-please Twickenham crowd rather than the unpredictable Ireland team. The Triple Crown and possibly the Five Nations Cup are the major prizes that beckon Will Carling's men in his last game as captain, yet winning in itself is unlikely to satisfy frustrated home supporters

The booing and catcalls that punctuated England's last two home games, against Western Samoa and Wales, illustrated the change in relationship between players and fans who nowadays pay up to £35 to watch an international.

A few years ago the top players were accessible people whom you might meet in the bar after a big game. sional era they are, for good or ill, regarded as superstars

ham in their customary role of underdogs but they too will want to develop a flexible 15man style which can yield tries and please the crowd. Indeed, in their recent four-try victory over Wales the Irish showed they have the same potential as England to break away from set piece rugby and move towards total football. Besides, Irish rugby badly

needs to find new friends and sponsors to avoid becoming a minor sport. England. though, have found that player contracts with the RFU worth up to £36,000 a season can be a double-edged sword. can be a double-edged sworth.

Some of the team have used the money to restructure their working weeks, cutting back on the day jobs and stepping up fitness training. But they are finding that peak fitness does not necessarily not. ness does not necessarily pro-duce a higher collective stan-

dard of rugby. This week Jack Rowell, the sional era they are, for good England manager, claimed or ill, regarded as superstars that the 18-9 victory over and as entertainers to boot. Scotland at Murrayfield rep-

launching pad for a more expansive game. Even so, it is hard to see how Carling's side can switch smoothly from nine-man rugby to a slickly coordinated handling game, no matter how much they

Certainly Carling, who leads the side for the 59th time in 66 internationals, ap-pears to have suppressed his natural attacking flair at centre in the interests of a game plan that is pragmatic and conservative. It is true, as Rowell suggests, that England have to balance the demand for good results against the developmental needs of a youngish side, but the feeling persists that their best game tends to get left behind closed doors at Roehampton.

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flanker, widely regarded as England's next captain, uses his authority and explosive that could be Ireland's

This game could well be the last in which three of England's greatest three-quarters. Carling, Guscott and Rory Underwood, appear together, so there is a compelling reason for giving them suffi-cient ball to show off their pedigree. Carling insists that the team have no responsibility to give him a stylish send-off, but that is precisely what the 75,000 crowd will

As Rowell pointed out,
"England usually perform at
their best when the centres
are fully involved". That remark could apply equally to
Underwood, who after a
shaky start to the season has
worked his way into contention for a 50th try in his 85th
international. When Carling in the Wales game, could

time 6ft 6in locks Fulcher and live up to expectations winning their 19th Tr
Crown. The champions though, looks destined france, who have a much perior scoring difference.

needs as "two Cokes", he in-directly paid tribute to a player who has devoted rigorous attention to personal In fact, if both sides are

eady to take calculated risks this patchy championship may yet end on an exhilarat-ing note. Ireland have found exciting young backs such as Humphreys, Bell and the Or-rell full-back Mason to supplement the Test experience of Geoghegan and Field, both of whom played an important part in the 13-12 victory at Twickenham two years ago. Richards, the England pack

leader, identified his old Lions team-mate Popplewell as a likely threat with his dynamic driving, especially in broken play. However, the abrasive physical challenge of the 6ft 6in locks Fulcher and



Aintree .

cause chaos among English forwards not best known for One thing is certain: after a turbulent high-profile season in which his own performance as chief coach has drawn flak. Rowell will approach this game in a com-paratively tranquil mood. Carling's decision to step down has drawn the spotlight away from the manager just when England have everything to play for. It is a racing certainty that England will winning their 19th Triple Crown. The championship, France, who have a much-su-

Dallaglio looks fit for long reign as king steps down

Frank Keating on the rise and rise of the crown prince waiting to lead England into a new world of adventure and originality

land end their season today, it was the same sort of crisp, blissfully bluebright day as when they had started it four months ago although that sunshine was autumn's and this was heralding spring. The length of those four months from No-vember to March can be vember to March can be 19, the Italian rughy authori-gauged by the rise and rise of Lawrence Dallaglio's interna-they can to move south and

his first cap merely to see out the last rites with an already well-beaten home side. But as tonishingly, in less than a at that time, he thought. Eng-quarter of an hour, the colt- land is glad that he did. ish, long-legged and exuber-ant flanker put himself about gusto that his lantern jaw has become a fixture in the side as well as, to be sure, a proph-ecy of a dynamic future for England's rugby. It is a good

story. Not only that Last Saturday this newspaper's main review spread featured the Benedictine abbey and public school of Ampleforth. It listed a nationally eminent string of alumni from cardinals to crack columnists. Dallaglio was an oversight. The 23-year-old shines out as much as Michael Atherton ever did as a Future England Captain.

Today, with deserved back-slaps all round and braying cheers of foaming fizz from Twickenham's drinking classes. Will Carling will and specialist positions hand in his seals of office. If should come second," he says. Dallaglio does not collect His own great strength, them by the time the whites even in such youth, is that he run out again at the same place in November, those in the know reckon it will be only his age and relative inexperience extending the inter-

TESTERDAY at Twick- regnum for a season with a senham, where Eng- more mature old salt. But Dalmore mature old salt. But Dallaglio should be promoted well before the next World

Cup. His mother Eileen is English, his father Vincent a pillar of London's Italian Catholic community. Long ago, when he played a storm-ing match for England Underin November, when England played South Africa, Dallaglio was summoned from for his beloved Wasps on Saturdays and doing a degree on chartered survey-

Jack Rowell took him to South Africa with England's home for the 1995 World Cup. It was a massive disappointment. Dallagilo watched the quarter-final against Austra-lia on television at his

parents' home in west Lon-don. "With the rest of the nation I was on my feet hollering when Rob Andrew's drop-kick took off around the world," he says.

But as a radical union member of the back-row

brotherhood, what he admired most came in the next game when the New Zealand adventurer Zinzan Brooke dropped a goal from all of 40 metres. "For a No. 8 so boldly to drop a huge midfield goal in a tense semi-final proves my whole point, doesn't it? We have to be footballers first

a number so-and-so all his life. The ideal should be exactly the opposite: pick innate football talent and let it roam adventurously and naturally."

In the autumn Dallaglio was thrust into the captaincy Dean Ryan upped sticks to announce rugby's new era. "Dean was an inspirational leader. With Rob and Steve Bates, we had a triumvirate of three totally different person-alities which amounted to enlightening leadership and di-rection," says Dallaglio.
"When all three went it was devastating and it was all hands on deck. As the new captain I was determined the family bond would prevail."

England's bond is different, he says, but just as fraternally resolute. The night before the Murrayfield match a fort-night ago Dallaglio was told to conduct the team talk. "It was a surprise. But not if you know the general philosophy of the team. Everyone is in-corporated and we must do ers make the decisions on the pitch, not the coaches. Nobody minds getting up and speaking in a private room to their family, do they?

"Anyway it is not an impas sioned speech to a squad, it is 'chairing' a talk to encourage the various views and experi ences of the whole family." It was, nevertheless, a big mo-ment for a young chairman. This No. 7 has, therefore, two No. 8s in his life, both an-swering to Dean. "To play

alongside Richards against Scotland was illuminating to say the least, just to learn on the hoof from his vast experience. In fact every one of us gained that day from Dean's inclusion in the team. Possibly the amazing aura of the man is that while we respect him tremendously, the opposition are respecting him even more and worrying about how he will influ the match."

The Irish, breakfasting in their Chelsea hotel this morn-ing, might agree with that.



Pointing the way . . . Dallaglio knows what he wants from a team

Wales v France at Cardiff Arms Park

Wales to weep at Cabannes swansong

lan Malin

THE brouhaha ove Will Carling's semi-retirement this week it has almost gone unnoticed that Laurent Cabannes, one of the best open-side flankers of the modern era, is almost certain to be playing his last game for France today. And it is a fragile Wales team that is attempting to stop Cabannes Lacroix, who began the tour-celebrating his swansong nament at fly-half and was with the Five Nations then moved to centre, has Championship.

The 32-year-old glamour boy from Paris's Racing Club side who a month ago scored wins his 44th cap in Cardiff 45 points against Ireland, but wins his 44th cap in Cardiff. He has never been on the losing side in five matches France camp. against Wales and, with France's points-difference at Skrela has been criticised for plus-33 as opposed to Eng- dropping a man who was the land's plus-12 any victory should suffice to clinch the Cup, and Abdel Benazzi, the

and I don't really think I can leave for the summer tour of Argentina," Cabannes said, shunted forward to wear the "so that raises a doubt over my being selected for the "It's a step back as far as matches against South Africa I'm concerned after three

tered before big European

Cabannes is considered

something of a maverick and, with Thierry Lacroix and Olivier Roumat, was banned for last autumn's matches against New Zealand because he had stayed on in South Africa after the World Cup.

only France would change a

Their coach Jean-Claude top points-scorer in the World first player in 30 years to wear the Nos. 6, 7 and 8 shirts

No. 4.

in November. It would be dif-ficult to get back into the team after that."

years in the Agen back row, but if that's where the selec-tors want me I'll give it a go,"

The three have returned for this year's Five Nations but

now been dropped. Perhaps as ever there is conflict in the

tors want me I'll give it a go," he said. "We did win the ier Merle's poor display in the defeat at Murrayfield, is one championship in 1993 with of several of the France squad Olivier [Roumat] and me in the second row, so perhaps it's a good omen." who may soon be playing in the Courage league, for he admitted this week that he has

Cardiff teams

FRANCE J Thomas (Llanelli) 15 J L Sadourny (Colomiers) I Evens (Lianelli) 13 O Campan (Agen) N Davies (Lianeli)) 12 S Glas (Bourgoin) G Thomas (Bridgend) 11 P Saint-André (Montferrand, capi) N Jenkins (Pontypridd) 10 T Castaignède (Toulouse) 9 G Accoceberry (Begles) R Howley (Bridgend) C Loader (Swansea) 1 C Califano (Toulouse) hreys (Cardiff, capt) 2 J M Gonzalez (Bayonne)

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Benazzi, whose switch to been talking to Northampton, the second row follows Oliver This afternoon he will be a key man in the line-out, where Wales will expect to achieve parity through their main jumpers Derwyn Jones and Gareth Llewellyn.

Wales's main chance of repeating their unexpected 1994 victory rests with Neil Jenkins, in particular his kicking. He replaces Arwel Thomas after the young fly-half's nightmare display in the 30-17 defeat in Dublin a fortnight ago and is one of three changes to the Wales

There were mitigating circumstances — Thomas was raked by the Ireland pack that his confidence and form disintegrated — but Wales are surely right to recall Jenkins. whose skills are more prosaic but who has scored a record 419 points for his country. With Lacroix missing. Jenkins would be favourite to win a kicking contest with Thomas Castaignède should the game come down to that. France, however, should

win with something to spare.

built around the Toulous club side. Yet a wooden spoon would seem cruel reward for Kevin Bowring's young side, who have scored five tries and played some imaginative

All in all, the best of Wales is yet to come - but the cockshould be crowing tonight. • The Wales lock Gareth Llewellyn had his request for a transfer to Harlequins next season turned down yesterday by the WRU.

In taking the decision "with raked by the Ireland pack the aim of preserving the early on and so badly shaken strength of domestic Welsh rugby", the union's regula-tory and trusts committee blocked the Neath captain under an International Board rule calling for a 180-day residential qualification prior to London club immediately threatened legal action against the WRU and said they were "confident Llewellyn will be a Harlequin next

A international: England 56, Ireland 26

King is monarch of all he surveys

LEX KING put a gloss finish on a spectacular England A win with 26 England plundered seven of the game's 11 tries in a confident, expansive style that was an object lesson to the

senior side today. Victory completed a mini-Grand Slam for England's second-string players.
Their free scoring has been founded on a willingness to take calculated risks and run the ball from all parts.

King, a 21-year-old eco-nomics student at Bristol University, brought fluent distribution and steady goalkicking to England's biggest win over the Irish at this level. His second-half try, which followed a dangerous midfield break by Hull, was a gem, underlining his potential as a No. 10 who enjoys taking on defenders. He added a reet drop goal to six con-

versions and two penalties. The Irish finished strongly with three tries in the final quarter on a day when Riwood squandered a succession of penalties and conversions. Wallace's pace brought him a brace of tries, and the last-minute touchdown by the lock Francis, who galloped 30 metres, was most popular. England were in control

superb scores by Adebayo and Stimpson shortly be-fore half-time. The back-row forwards Jenkins and points in an entertaining quick and dynamic for the game at the Athletic Irish pack, who tried to Ground here yesterday. make up in commitment England plundered seven of what they lacked in skill

Even the prop Garforth, a powerful scrummager. action 15-man game, scoring a couple of well-worked tries in the last 10 minutes to take his side past the half-century of points. The centres Greenwood and Greenstock looked on in mute admiration.

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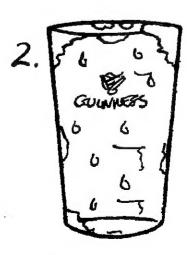
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• Wales A suffered their third successive defeat of the season when France A outscored them four tries to one (a penalty try) for a 34-13 victory.





How's that for an Irish conversion?

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Killeshin to outstay the Aintree hopes

Non-qualifier can show again how unlucky he is to miss the National, says **Ron Cox**Another Excuse looks best of three Irish runners. He pulled up behind Killeshin at

National two weeks today could be the smallest for 16 years after only 48 stood their ground at the latest forfeit stage, com-pared with 57 last year when 35 runners eventually faced

One definite Aintree con-tender should have been Killeshin but, owing to his lowly rating at the first entry stage, he was not qualified.

The 10-year-old has made

giant strides in the past two months, however, and he can show just how unlucky he is not to be going for the big one by beating six Aintree entries in the Marstons Pedigree Midlands Grand National at Littoxeter today.

This strapping ex-hunter chaser earned a rating of 133 - 13lb above the required Aintree minimum — after beating Silver Stick by five lengths in the Eider Chase at

Newcastle last month.

On just three pounds worse terms, Killeshin should again top-weight. Willsford, who

HE FIELD for the have the measure of Silver Martell Grand Stick, although the strong handling the latter will get from Charlie Swan could reduce the leeway somewhat. Killeshin, trained by one of jump racing's larger-than-life characters in John Manners, has bottomless stamina and under a well-timed ride from

> four miles and one furlong at Newcastle. Minnehoma, the 1994 Martell Grand National winner, heads the six Aintree possibles in action here. The others, Brackenfield, Silver Stick, Grange Brake, Merry Master and Three Brownies, are all a long way out of the handicap proper at Liverpool.
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> Minnehoma has shown nothing in two runs so far

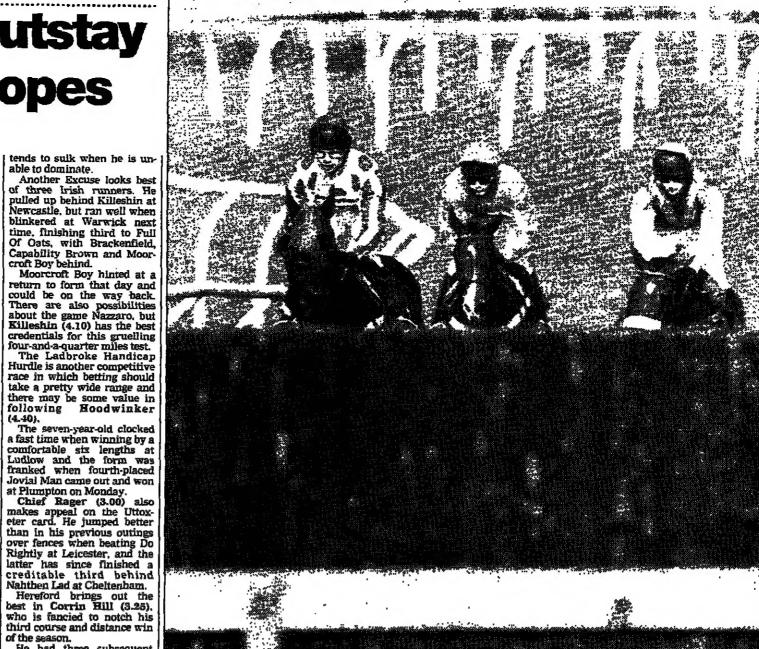
Sean Curran he ran out a most convincing winner over

this season, but the veteran Merry Master found some of his old dash in blinkers when a brave second to Addington Boy at Doncaster.

Chief Rager (3.00) also makes appeal on the Uttox-eter card. He jumped better than in his previous outings over fences when beating Do Rightly at Leicester, and the latter has since finished a creditable third behind Nahthen Lad at Cheltenham. Hereford brings out the best in Corrin Hill (3.25). who is fancied to notch his third course and distance win of the season.

at Plumpton on Monday.

He had three subsequent winners behind him when fourth to Nine O Three at Taunton last time and gets on well with talented claiming rider Tom Dascombe.



to investigate One Man's performance unless the test results indicate a doping.

Tests for One Man after Cup flop

NE MAN, who finished nearly 35 lengths behind Imperial Call when trailing in sixth in the Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Thursday, continues to baffle his connections.

The grey, who was dope tested after the race, faces a tested after the race, faces a rigorous examination over the next few days as Gordon Richards, his trainer, and owner John Hales attempt to pinpoint the cause of his defeat.

"At least we've got a healthy looking horse," said Hales yesterday. "We just don't know what happened to him, but everything will be done to find out what went wrong.

out what went wrong.

"The vet will be looking at him and he will be scoped, but he won't be blood-tested until Monday

because we have to let it cool first.

"If he hadn't stayed the trip you would have expected him to come over the last and flop, but he was gone before that. I have watched the film of the race so many times and he just hit a brick wall. He went in three strides.
"Richard Dunwoody is

"Richard Dunwoody is also keen to get to the bottom of this. He says a jockey can feel a horse starting to tire and One Man gave him no indication that he was tiring. Did he break a blood vessel? I just don't know. I'm just mystified."

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Investigation into Festival deaths

Festival is underway, with the results expected at the

end of next month.
"We are as concerned as everyone else and it is very along with the Jockey Club unfortunate," said Edward Gillespie, Cheltenham's eys' Association."

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AN investigation into the managing director. "We deaths of 10 horses at will be looking at the veter-this week's Cheltenham inary reports and post mortems, as we always do.
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Lyle has his fill of Bay Hill

David Davies in Orlando

ANDY LYLE, needing a par at the last to make the cut in the Bay Hill Invitational here in Florida, hit an eight-iron second into a greenside bunker, failed to get down in two more and will not be playing this weekend.
Angry with himself, Lyle said: "This course has got me mentally. I have too many irritating memories of it. Those memories are justified for he has not broken par at

Bay Hill in his last 12 rounds. His rounds of 72, 75 left him one adrift of the probable cut and 10 behind the early second-round leaders Jeff Maggert and Patrick Burke on seven under par. Mean-while Nick Faldo, level par overnight, moved to three

under after three successive birdies from the 5th. Lyle was playing with Ar-nold Palmer, whose baby this tournament is, but the Scot failed to draw inspiration.
Watching Palmer play

remains the ultimate golfing experience. At the age of 66 he still puts everything into every shot and still lives the result, glaring, grimacing, at a convention of polar gesticulating. All the old familiar Palmer poses are present: the hitch of the pants, the loyal, though. Watching their right off the shot, sliced it 40



Sends of time . . . the 66-year-old Arnold Palmer, struggling to make the cut, chips out of a bunker at Bay Hill, his home course

totters along doggedly. They march in Bermuda shorts and on varicose veins and there is more white hair present than

awiring finish to the swing that used to serve as a triumphal gesture but is now habit.

There is still a substantial Arnie's Army, although it no longer marches so much as totters along doggedly. They man yesterday from a van- yards right and 40 yards tage point on the long 16th short. But hey, who cares?

was a wizened group who Inevitably the great man Sut when Palmer nurted nim-self into a four-wood second they greeted it ecstatically. "Hey," they said to each other, "he really got all of that one." "Yeah," they agreed, "he nailed it. That's on the green for sure."

has lost length. At the 9th, a 467yd par-four, he needed two of his very best woods to get up. Then he happily wan-dered off to the ropes to chat about it with the spectators, The General addressing the troops, mid-round? No won-der the Army marches on. Like armies the world over, of course, they march on their stomachs and a fair number

of them went Awol during the 150-yard passage from 8th green to 10th tee. No army this stage and needed a couple rations for them, though, no combat cuisine. They could, if they wished, have had a three-course meal from the various food tents.

Palmer ignored it all, of course. He was met by his wife Winnie as he strode off the 9th green, urgent converphone was brought into play | which once, a k and deals were done: maybe | they had accrued

of birdies to make the cut. He of birdies to make the cut. He obviously thought it was possible, for he plays the game still as if a birdle on every hole is possible. But that is in the mind. On the ground he was a 66-year-old shadow of what had been, and the strokes continued to slip away with the certainty with which once, a long time ago,

almost drove the green at the 351-yard 17th but a clumsy chip cost him a

hirdie; then he failed to carry the lake at the 18th

with a three-wood from 220

yards that would normally

be well within his compass.

He then failed from four feet, finishing his second 69 with a six. "I cannot make two putts in a row," he said, "but Colin is making

it all look so easy." Severiano Ballesteros

birdled the final two holes

Cycling

Break sets up Nice weekend for Boardman

William Fotheringham in St Tropez

ECOND place by a cou-ple of feet here yester-day has set up Chris Boardman for the weekend's concluding three stages in the Paris-Nice "Race to the Sun". Boardman is hot favourite to win tomorrow afternoon's closing 11-mile time-trial. which appropriately finishes on the Promenade des Ang-lais in Nice, but his chances of overall victory depend on how much of Laurent Jalabert's 1min 15sec advantage he can erode in today's hilly 120-mile stage to Antibes.

"If I continue like this, I should be all right" was Boardman's assessment last night. The French race leader may not be completely all right, however, as he crossed the line with his face and knee caked with dried blood after being brought down by another rider on a climb 75 miles into the 125-mile stage

from Vitrolles. Max Sciandri, one of two other Britons in the race, was just behind Boardman in third, his best finish of the

select group of only 17 who were able to hold the pace on the final climb through twisting lanes among elegant villas tucked into hillside groves of mimosa and palm trees high above the Mediterranean. For all Boardman's ability

to sustain high speeds against the watch, he lacks a truly incisive sprint. Thus his only chance of winning in a group of this size is by attacking alone just before the sprinters begin their final push.

He explained: "With about 700 yards to go there was a traffic island in the middle of

the road, so I waited until the last second and then dived to the left so no one could react."

Boardman held a small lead until 20 feet from the line, when the Russian Andrei Tchmil, who won the 1994 Paris-Roubaix Classic, swept past him. "He simply had the strength at the end, I didn't." said Boardman. Jalabert finished fifth to ex-

tend his lead over his American rival Lance Armstrong to 47sec. Although his crash did not occur at speed, and his team did not deem X-rays nec-essary, the fall may have left him stiff for what is seen as week. They were part of a the toughest stage today.

Sports Betting

Big Frank's price is too skinny but plump for an early result

THE British public cannot The spring public cannot seem to get enough of Frank Bruno, and not just in panto. With Mike Tyson at horribly short odds for tonight's title fight, all the money has been on Bruno—whose price has shortened at William Hill to a remarkable 11-4 to best a challenger

priced at 2-9. Bruno certainly has a chance but 11-4 is ridiculous. In Las Vegas they go 6-1, which seems a very fair price. With Tyson 1-10 over there, it is a wonder the British book-

is a wonder the British bookies have not been knocked
over by a rush of dollars. Unless you have a friend in Nevada, stay off Bruno.

The spread betting firms'
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Jagorawi in West Java yesterday to take the halfway lead in the record in the next two in the Indonesia Open.

Fryatt bogeyed three holes \$2,500 (about £1,640).

Painter. If no one else breaks in tomorrow's final, Sri of the title this year, have everything to play for. Take this World Cup, especially for Ladbrokes' 11-5 against Celtic those who backed them at pulling off a rare Ibrox win.

66-1 last autumn or 33-1 in December. Their blistering batting makes Australia look uneasy favourites and, as both semi-finals underlined the difficulty of chasing a total when there is so much at stake, Sri Lanka are worth backing at 11-10 if they win the toss and bat first. FIVE NATIONS: Ireland's can continue with Niall Hogan's men salvaging Five Nations pride at Twickenham by holding England to a

respectable score. Take the 11-10 with Coral and Lad-brokes for Ireland to win with Coral also offer 3-1 against Phil de Glanville taking over as England captain. Many coaches would urge that, but beware: with Will Carling

playing on, he will struggle to get into the team. FOOTBALL: The weekend's biggest game is in Glasgow, where tomorrow sees the most significant Old Firm clash in years. Rangers have a habit of winning this one but Celtic, with a real chance

Slimmer Montgomerie gives the others fat chance

Wolverhampton (A.W.)

ichael Britten in Dubai

HE slimmer-line Colin Montgomerie is not only a picture of health ness training, he is as eager for a scrap this weekend as

The European No. 1 maintained his hugely impressprightly Spaniard Miguel- | He has been in nightly con- | aced the 15th but without | managed to birdie only his |

In his present mood Montgomerie believes it is a gap that can comfortably be bridged. "I haven't had a had an early bat-trick of challenge for three months but I am fresh and really looking forward to it," he said. "I have exceeded my expectations and got into a position to win, so I would like to make it pay."

sive return to tournament play in the Desert Classic here at the Emirates Club wins to his credit in Bel-

tact with his coach, his brother Juan who is a felbirdles yesterday — al-though neither had a monopoly on spectacular

The day's best came from the South African Roger Wessels, a hole-in-one at the 7th which won him a prize of £19,000 from a Scandinavian telecommonetary reward - or indeed a place in the successive level-par round fell two short of the

Montgomerie, playing his

Montgomerie, playing his sixth successive round in the company of the defending champion Fred Couples, rapidly set out his stall by overhauling Ian Woosnam, who has already won twice to lead the Order of Merit. The Welshman sank a 25-vard bunker shot munications group. Peter sank a 25-yard bunker shot to eagle the 10th in his won in Morocco last week, second 69 but otherwise

opening hole. Robert Willis, an Australian who gave up writing about golf to play as a pro-fessional four years ago, and England's Jamie Spence were also left in Montgomerie's wake as he scored further birdies at the 13th and 17th.

The Scot also set too fierce a pace for Couples, who eagled the 10th and birdled the 13th and 14th but paid for his attacking instincts at the last two holes. The American opened his shoulders and under par.

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Rugby League
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Weekend fixtures

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Eastwood Tr; Lincoln Eld v Gresna; Radcirit Bor v Congleton Tn; Warrington Tn v
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WELSH CLIP (Mys. Cardiff): Pleasts Lighiston v Newsport. Sheleith Bridgend v Utv Sweltens.
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BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP: Play offs.
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BELL'S SCOTTISH PREMIER Rangers v Celtic (1.15) _ SCOTTISH LEAGUE First Division

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Montrose v Forter
Stranger v Ayr

Third Division Albion v Queen's Pk Allos v East Stirling

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GLAMBER Ayr v Cambustang; Cambons v Evetar (12.30); Covertry v Hartequins (12.0); Pytos v Sale (1.0); Presblas v Edmorgh Winders, Mel Police v US Persmount; Newcasde Goslorth v Tynedale, Orrell v Waterloo; Otley v Hall Ionians; Penarth v Ldn Welsh (10.45); Rednuth v St Ives; Richmond v Ldn Scottish, Sellork, v Edmburgh Acadas Warelington Pk v Bradlord & Bingley.

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Cricket

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Our nerve will hold, says Keegan

Martin Thorpe

F FOOTBALL is played partly on the field and mostly in the mind, today will test how well Newcastle stand up to the psychological blow of losing their Premiership lead if Manchester United, as expected, win at QPR.

With Kevin Keegan's side at home to West Ham on Mon-day, Manchester United can take a two point lead at the top with victory over struggling Rangers, though they will have played two games more than Newcastle.

Keegan is relying on a com-bination of luck, spirit and mathematics to convince waverers that though his side may have lost a 12-point lead they will not lose their nerve.

"I have players here who are ready to die for this club." said Keegan. "With the support of the fans and the help of Lady Luck you never know. If we win all our remaining games we will be champions: Manchester United and Liverpool can't

We are in good shape. I have not seen the spirit in this club change in any way. Our nerve is good."

the Arsenal side for today's game at Wimbledon, three

days after his transfer request

was rejected, writes Martin

Available again after three

matches out through injury and suspension. Wright will

piny up front alongside John

Hartson as Bruce Rioch puts the team's interests ahead of

internal problems. "The pol-icy must always be to pick

teams to win matches. Ion's

Wright will not, however,

regain the captaincy, given to Martin Keown in the absence

of the striker and Tony Ad-

HOSE old enough to

remember happier days

where the river bends will recall this quick, skilful

Aberdonian with affection.

Over the course of eight years he made more than

250 league appearances

playing by a famous hill and fishing for goals with a favourite rod. Brief spells near a small heath and

merry miller's moor were

Last week. Kenny Dalglish

(Celtic, Liverpool).

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attitude in training has been

Wright is back

AN WRIGHT will return to | from injury in the reserves

Robert Chase over yester-day's sales of the defender Jon Newsome to Sheffleld Wednesday for £1.5 million and his top scorer Ashley Ward to Derby for £1 million. Chase, regularly baited with chants of "Where's the money gone?" after selling most of the club's best players over recent years, is trying to

ease a bank debt of £4.5 million. But with his side close to the First Division relegation zone, Megson said he was "flabbergasted and furious" over the actions of Chase and the Carrow Road board.
"I didn't sanction the

moves and I am not party to either transfer," said Megson. "I am getting no help from the boardroom and we don't ex-pect them to be a hindrance. I can't believe there are many clubs that work like this. when a manager recommends you don't sell two players and the week after they are being sold. I can't understand the reasoning behind it."

The Notts County manager Colin Murphy and his de-fender Shaun Murphy have been charged with misconduct after a fracas in the Blackpool tunnel last

Vinnie Jones got his wish

asked to be omitted for per-

Performance of the week:

Mark Bosnich (Aston Villa).

whose saves on Wednesday

did much to take his team to

the FA Cup semi-finals.



Streets ahead . . . Georgi Kinkladze, honing his ball skills outside Maine Road, 'is on a different planet,' says Alan Ball

Confrontation of the catalysts

Cynthia Bateman on the meeting of Kinkladze and Le Tissier, two sublime talents, in today's relegation battle at Maine Road

of a Wales recall yesterday when he was named in Bobby Gould's squad for a training get-together in Newport on March 24-27. Ian Rush has WO extraordinary players who can turn a match almost with the flick of a bootlace will be on show at Maine Road today when Manchester City meet Southampton in a game both clubs desperately

need to win. City, fourth from bottom. are one place and two points ahead of Southampton, who have three games in hand. How their Premiership futures will look tonight hinges on whether City's Georgi Rinkladze or Southampton's Matthew Le Tissier produces

> They seem different ani-KINKISOZ gian international, a beavering, eager-to-please little Le Tissier, the amplayer: Le Tissier, the am-bling, laid-back — some say lazy — magician waiting to pull a masterstroke.

> Alan Ball, manager of Southampton before he took over at City last summer, has worked with both. "They are pure talent," he says, "up with the best. But you have to play them in similar areas. You can play Georgi a bit deeper, but in terms of finishing skills I think Mattie

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"The essential thing is that be employed up front in a they both have the same task: more orthodox striking role if you get the ball to either of alongside Neil Shipperley. them in the right areas then either one can produce. Both of them can make things happen, and the pressure is on them to do that.

"They haven't got to de-stroy attacks or stop things happening. I tell them: 'You make things happen'."
Part of Southampton's

problem this season has been duce, and Southampton go that Le Tissier has not been down, he may be forced to making things happen. He rethink his future with the has scored only four league club he has been with since 20 goals from the last 11 reflected in his play. games, six of them from Le Tissier, saw them finish a being fat and lazy, but I weigh

respectable 10th. Dave Merrington, Southempton's manager, needs Le Tissier to start producing the way I run," he says. again now. "This is the worst season of my career," the player admitted recently. "It seems others think that if I'm have around tackling is that I not blasting in goals every am not a very good tackler. week from 25 yards I'm hav

ing a bad eame." And on a recent radio panel through lean spells before, his assertion that he might be but I've always come out the more productive if played fur-other side." ther forward brought this response from his fellow panelist ampton's director of football. "It would be fair to say, Mattie. that Davie [Merrington] player who is running hot has tried you in a variety of where you play as long as it

produces goals." When it was pointed out that Le Tissier's career average was a goal every two games. McMenemy retorted: That means you are going to have a hell of a run-in this

season, Mattie.

"Contrary to what some people think, Mattis has not been tied down to any partic-ular role this season. He's had licence to roam," says Mer-rington. "But he's happier playing in the centre and moving from inside to out. have got the hardest job of the rather than being out on the lot. We can get the ball to you wing making runs from outbut then it is up to you to side to in. I can't really help him much more.

If Le Tissier does not pro lieve that at times this is

"People have accused me of less than I have for the last two years and, although I might lope along, that's just

"They say I sulk during games, but I can't help the way I look. The reason I don't am not a very good tackler It's a weakness in my game and I know it. But I've gone

By contrast, a lot of City's improvement since the start Lawrie McMenemy, South- of the season is down to the continually improving form of Kinkladze, a catalytic

He was on his way to Maine has tried you in a variety of the was on his way to Maine positions: up front, behind the front two, even in a bit of there; the 22-year-old mid-fielder had been tracked by where you play as long as it. for almost six months before signing for £2 million from Dynamo Tbilisi last summer. "One of our European scouts alerted us to this brilliant young player," says Lee.
"I watched him three times and thought he was fantastic. With Gordon Watson and when I sent our chief dropped. Le Tissier will now | scout Jimmy Frizzell and

came back raving about him. "I contacted the Tbilisi president and asked if we

could have first option if they decided to sell. When he produced that cracking winner for Georgia against Wales in the European Championship qualifier, which was shown on TV, I was concerned we might miss out on him. But the president was true to his word." Lee, however, said he

would call off the deal if Ball did not want the Georgian. 'Not want him?" Ball retorts There isn't a manager in the Premiership who would not want his skills and technique.

"The first time I watched him in training I knew our supporters would be hanging from the rafters to see him. Technically he is on a differ-

"It has not all been plain sailing for him. His skill was never in doubt but he had to

Colin Bell to watch him they | like him take in the Premiership. We also had to make the best use of his talents, and I think I have come up with the answer by asking him to play

deeper.
"He is a tough little bugger. mentally and physically, and I'm happy he is progressing along the right lines. But he won't be the finished article for another two or three

"It is a tribute to his skill that other teams have begun to man-mark him. I believe I can help him over that be-cause I was man-marked throughout my playing career. It's a case of give and go; the best way to shake off your shadow is to play lots of one-twos with your teammates. But his team-mates must also be prepared to give compared with 13 at this stage unwillingness to move as a ent planet than many of the an opponent breathing down last season. Saints had by lack of ambition. Critics be then plummeted to 20th, but lieve that at times this is the moment.

will win the day So perhaps Kinkladze and Le Tissier are not so different, find a way to flourish in the and today may be a case of face of the buffeting players | who dares wins.



Plain Matt . . . Le Tissier needs a bright finish

TEAM NEWS

Coventry v Bolton

David Burrows has recovered from a ham string uppry and is expected to return to the Sky Blues but the midhelder Kenn are any name or memberer scen-ferhamman a secondria Colm Todd shif without the suspended mediolder Alan Thompson and mored do-tenders Gerry Taggart and Andy Todd. is likely to name an unchanged Bolton town after suprespay away was at Mindles-trough and Locals

Liverpool y Chelses

Liverpool's Phil Babb has a suspended broken toe and Mark Wright is savingling with a groin injury so Non-Ruddock and Stave Hartness are no sand-by Mark Kennedy could be drafted in it John Barnes last to recover from a leg injury. Chelsed a Glern Haddle has ruled out a that is desired to be experted in the same saving. shake-up despite only one league with a tive games

Man City v Southampton

City welcome back Kerth Curlo alter a two-match suspension he is expected to replace Alan Kernaghan. Gusseppe Mac-terolic a substitute in michweek, may play instead of Nick: Summerbee Sauthampton have might, doubts over Puthers toth, Ware Walters and Jim Maga-ion. Tommy Widdington, Francis Benah and Berry Venison are all suspended

Ministratoro v Notin Forest

Jame Policek returns to both after suc-pension bu! Philip Stamp and Sleve Vickers are ruled out through injury Braeco is likely to be on the bench traces is many in the on the service in the service in the service is the service in the service

QPR v Manchester United

GPA may recast Alan McDensid and Mark Hateley. United could rest the full back Ph.! Seylie and bring in David May it controllars, embling Gary Seyville 19

Sheff Wed v Aston Villa Jan Rewsome organed from Norwich is Set to make his debut for Wednesday but Chris Waddle misses out with a back problem David Herst and John Sheridan are

Chris Waddle misses out with a oach pro-lem David Hirst and John Shenden are back in contention.

Villa's Riccardo Scimoca is strongling with an Achilles injury and, with Gareth Southgate Can Titler and Stove Stamion alroady sciolined Brish Lette could call up the centre-half Paul Browne. Analy Townsend and Lee Hendire return after one-match suspensions Franz Can de-spite his midweet goal, may miss out.

Togenham have massive injury problems aith the captim Gary Nabbutt top of a lengthy list that includes Sol Carticled Chris Armstrong, Justin Edinburgh David Korstake Dean Austin and Romy Rosential. In addition Jason Dozzell is seconder.

supposed Chris Sutten is included in Blackburn's squad for the lirst time this year but Pau Warturat cracked a rib in midweek and may be out for several weeks

lan Wight is pack for Arsenal three days

after having a transfer request turned drum and plans up front alongside John Harson but the midhelder Ray Parlour starts a tero-match bon Yembledon are set to switch tack Har-ters and madheld for the suspended Cy-

TOMORROW Leeds v Everton

Tony Doirgo has statemed a reaction to his barristing injury and Nigel Worthington and David Weetherall are purposed Fiching and Channel staticity with a knockligament injury so Caulitin Patmar may play in

delence.
Everton's Joe Parkinson is suspended doi: John Ethrell in struggling with an an-like injury Barry Home stando by Duncan Forgasion's groot highly in causing problems so Paul Ridcout bavets.

Scottish preview

Celtic have derby dilemmas

Patrick Glenn

OMORROW's Old Firm confrontation at Ibrox is being billed as the "Derby of the Decade" in Glasgow as the leaders Rangers, champions seven times in a row, pursue the nine successive titles achieved by Celtic under Jock

However, the current Celtic manager Tommy Burns's Vossen and Erik Bo Andersen hopes of seeing his team recapture the title and break for such a demanding this Rangers run were lifted occasion. sesterday when he confirmed that his entire first-team pool was free of injury and suspension. Thus he now faces several selection dilemmas.

Tom Boyd returns from a three-match ban and is certain to return to the heart of dered much ground in the the defence, but with John past few months — Celtic, in-Collins and Phil O'Donnell joining recent regulars such as Peter Grant, Paul McStay, Andreas Thom, Simon Donnelly and Brian McLaughlin there will be a contest for the midfield positions.

Collins and O'Donnell have played so well against Reports in Italy said the two Rangers in the past that they clubs had already opened may push the younger play lalks.

ers, Donnelly and McLaugh lin, on to the substitutes'

On the Ayrshire coast today Walter Smith, Rangers' manager, has to spend most of his time contemplating the make-up of an attack which has various problems. Gordon Durie and Ally McCoist, the regular choices earlier, are just returning from injury, and the new signings Peter van

Already three points ahead. Rangers would surely disappear over Celtic's horizon if they won this, the two clubs' fourth and final lengue meet-

ing of the season. Neither side has surrendeed, are unbeaten in 26 consecutive domestic games and neither would be ex-

pected to lose in the seven matches after tomorrow Celtic were last night linked with the AC Milan midfielder Paulo Di Canio.

Cantona blows hot and cool

Soccer Diary

Martin Thorpe

ERIC CANTONA is rarely interviewed, but even so he has recently been blowing his own trumpet. He is actually paying lip service to the Halle Orchestra's principal trumpeteer John MacMurray, who travels to the Frenchman's home in Cheshire to provide him with personal trumpet

tuition.

According to a friend of Eric's: "He finds it very relaxing. He's into the real hardcore jazz stuff — Miles However, be's having train ing in classical trumpet because the breathing is so important."

Apparently Eric is also learning the triple-tonguing technique. But we do not want to encourage any mucky jokes, do we?

ULHAM have become used to blowing chances over the years, but even they did not expect what happened at the recent public inquiry into plans to redevelop their Thameside

ground. The club had thought the main opposition to the building of flats on three sides of Craven Cottage would come from local residents worried about park-ing problems. Imagine their surprise when three days of the opposition's argument were taken up with evidence given by a proces-sion of sailors.

According to one eye-wit-ness: "There was a succes-sion of these commodores and jolly-roger types who sail on the Thames com-plaining that when they go past the Riverside Stand their sails go flaccid and they haven't got enough wind to get round the next bend. They said that the new buildings would make

it worse. If that is the main argument against Fulham's de-velopment, getting a posltive result from the inquiry should be a breeze. The final decision is expected later this year. In the mean-time, is there any advice for these saliors? "Yes," said the eve-witness outboard motor.

AFTER last week's team of duffers, Nell Mac-Donald of London has come up with an international team with more positive virtues. In goal is Vital of Gli Vicente in Portugal, then comes Abel of Leiria in Portugal, Cool of Auxerre, Fortunato of Ata-lanta, Playfair of PSV. Flick of Eintracht Frankfurt, Terrier of Metz. Pass of Aalst in Belgium, Trustfull of Feyenoord, Driller of St Pauli and Net of Utrecht. For a team with so many fine attributes, the coacl has to be Jesus of Felgueiras in Portugal and the subs therefore Christian of Farense in Portugal and Mormon of Volendam in the Netherlands.

AREADER, Jeff Hoyle of Kings Lynn, was on his way back from a game last Saturday in time to hear the radio commentator de-scribe the Spurs v Forest penalty shoot-out ... "and Ronny Rosenthal, another left-footer, steps up to the spot At which point, he swears his girlfriend turned to him and said: "I thought he was Jewish."

MOTSONISM of the week: "You get the feeling we are sitting on a time-bomb which needs igniting." Well, you know what he means.

T'S OFFICIAL: football is trendy. Manchester's coolly hip Hacienda club is being transformed for the European Championship into a palace of soccer bad taste, with terraces on the balcony, a goal next to the bar and — really? — an Astroturfed dancefloor. Watch out for those break-

dancing burns. Not to be outdone, Lon-don sees the opening next week of a new restaurant, Football, Football, totally devoted to, yes, football. And what attractions is it offering? Twenty-yard chips? A pudding of a pitch? No. cornier than that. You enter the restaurant through a Continentalstyle glass tunnel accompa-nied by the sound of studs on concrete and the roar of a packed crowd. You are welcomed by an animatronic version of George Best — "Ht there, mine's a screwdriver" - and once inside you can ask a talking hologram of Terry Venables why he does not pick Le Tissier — and still not

cet an answer.

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BRITISH FANS TURN OUT IN FORCE TO CHEER ON THE CHAMPION

The hard truth is that if he wants to win Bruno may have to knock Tyson out



Bruno against the unknown

Richard Williams in Las Vegas on the underdog title-holder's prospects of pulling off a victory that would surprise the world

Vegas tonight, Frank one of the several world heavyweight titles available in the chaotic sport of profes-sional boxing. But a victory over the American to retain the World Boxing Council title would be just about eves of all but officials of the rival bodies, the undisputed champion of the world.

That is what beating Tyson would mean, even a Tyson whose real form and fitness are unknown quantities as he comes into his third fight after a four-year lay-off.

The hard truth is that if Bruno wants to win he may have to knock Tyson out. More than an average degree of optimism is required to en-vision the Englishman getting the better of a points decision over 12 rounds in a town where the interests of Tyson and his promoter Don King are aligned with the ambitions of big corporations like MGM, in whose vast ca-sino hotel the fight is being staged, and Showtime, the pay-per-view television company which is expecting 1.5 million American households to pay \$39.95 (£27) each to watch the latest stage of

FHE achieves the seemingly impossible by beating Mike Tyson in Las Vegas tonight, Frank Bruno will still bold only suppose the convergent commercial same thing as fighting fitness, ambitions of King and Rupert which requires hardening in

BBC's live commentary from San Francisco through the hum of valve radios. Technology moves on. And, having provided succeeding generations with free pictures of champions from Muham

puntars are prepared to pay. Which is a shame, since Bruno is attempting a feat that, if he brings it off, would compare with Linford Christia's Chromic gold model. tie's Olympic gold medal. years the former champion

Tyson's renaissance. In Britain, BSkyB's toe-in-

ambitions of King and Rupert
Murdoch, the details of real competition.
Not permitted even to spar during his incarceration in the Indiana Youth Center, Tyson has experienced only 10 minutes of genuine activity. ciano was to a post-war gen-eration who stayed up deep

transatlantic crackle and mad Ali onwards, now it has found a means of taking them away. Unless, of course, the

ell was undone not so much by his infatuation with Amer ican ice cream as by Mar-ciano's all-round pugilistic excellence, so Bruno is walk ing in to face qualities which Tyson's camp claim have not been eroded by the three spent in jail after being found guilty of offences against Desiree Washington in 1992. Bruno's handlers, by con-trast, are placing their faith

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minutes of genuine activity in the ring since his release. His McNeeley last August and his demolition of Buster Mathis Jnr in the third round of another ludicrous mismatch in December (after missing with more airshots than he can have thrown in his entire prejail career) will have done little more than reacquaint him with the sound of a crowd in search of blood.

> HE weigh-in took place on Thursday evening in a theatre Michael Crawford is currently entertaining vacation-ers with a lavish show called EFX, a stage version of virtual reality. The question to which Bruno seeks the answer is whether his oppo-nent tonight will be a virtual Tyson or the real thing as known to the men who fell be-fore his fists during his relentless advance towards the unified title in the mid-

Rory Holloway and John Horns, the boyhood friends from Albany, New York who are Tyson's co-managers, unsurprisingly insist that he is back to his best condition. "He's been knocking out two sparring partners a day." Holloway told reporters. "We came here with 14 and we've only got three left. They've been leaving camp in the middle of the night without their paychecks. Some of them have been hit so hard they think Tyson has a personal vendetta against them." Ferdie Pacheco, once Ali's fight doctor and now a Showtime commentator, looked at it from the reverse perspective: "Tyson will be seeing a different Bruno this time. Bruno used to go into fights looking for ways to lose. He was always a very tentative

Bruno is out to banish the

haif a dozen rounds. His recent training, at altitude in the Canary Islands, concen-trated on improving his stamina. At 17st 9lb he is 19lb heavier than when he last met Tyson seven years ago.

and the extra bulk appears to suit his 6ft 3in frame. Lacking hard evidence Tyson's current capabilities, we must listen — albeit with scepticism — to his connec-tions, who were busy before rumours that their man has ooked lackiustre in the final

stages of his build-up.
'Tm ecstatic with where Mike is at," said Holloway. who works with Jay Bright Tyson's long-time trainer. "Before his incarceration he was so good that he was getting away with a lot of things. Now he's gone back to doing stuff that he learnt in the days of Cus [D'Amato, Tyson's original mentor]. He's using original mentor]. He's using the goading of Tyson's more his jab, being more elusive, imbecilic camp followers —

starter who punches hard in thinking more. Mentally, the early exchanges but tires there's not a fighter in the and becomes vulnerable after world to stand up to him."

half a dozen rounds. His Horne, whose principal fare"— to create a Horne, whose principal concern is the business side,

confrontation. Tyson and Bruno fought for the title in this town seven years ago, when Tyson kept his undisputed title by stop-ping the challenger in the fifth round. Only Razor Rud-dock, he has said, hit him harder than Bruno did.

Tomorrow, one of these two will be leaving Las Vegas in the knowledge that his career is over. If that man is Tyson another £30 million in the bank, or as much of it as remains after Don King's de ductions. If it is Frank Bruno. as seems more likely, such a defeat will be at no cost to the reputation of a fighter whose courage has sometimes defied common sense but has regularly commanded respect.

Is World Cup turning Japanese?



David Lacey

price of a hamburger is £1.50 — official Spaghetti meat sauce, however, will set you back a fiver. On such statistics the destination of the next World Cup but one may well depend. France is hosting the 1998

tournament, and for six years 2002 World Cup will go to Janan. Now, however, the Korean cloud on Japan's we ern horizon is something

more than a trick of the light. Fifa will make its decision on June 1: time enough for the South Koreans to put themselves back in the running with tales of apathy among the Japanese public and, mor importantly, the high cost of Japanese living sustained by the strength of the yen. Hence the rush of figures from Japan's campaign organisers to prove that it will be possible to watch the 2002 tournament without going on a starvation

A week of cossetting by the principal candidates can hardly fail to leave a favourable impression. The sort of attention normally associated with those who awaited the bidding of Louis XIV is not conducive to bad publicity. Yet look beyond the bows and the smiles and the suspicion that the Kabuki Theatre would perform the Mikado on roller-skates to help the country's World Cup chances, and it is still hard to argue.

For if Fifa can give Mexico, which has earthquakes and poverty, two World Cups it can offer Japan, which is at least given to fewer financial over, has all the facilities of the United States in 1994 with out the distances. You do not catch a Bullet Train, you wait for one with your name on it. The stadiums will make the Premiership's look distinctly fin de siècle. Osaka has seata wired for the hard-of-hearing And the giant television

greater question remains: is Japan a footballing nation or a nation force-fed on football as a matter of convenience? Fur-ther information will be forthcoming today when the 16-team J-League begins its fourth season.

The Koreans would argue that they have more tradition. four appearances in World Cups proper, four more than Japan, in addition to the little matter of the North's disposal of Italy at Ayresome Park in 1966. But even mentioning the two Koreas in the same breath must strengthen Japan's case, which is essentially non-political.

Not unemotional, however, Hiroshima is a tranquil city whose tragic place in history would make it the obvious choice for the opening ceremony in a Japanese World Cup. Therein lies a sound per sonal reason why Japan should get the tournament. It concerns a 15-year-old who one August morning was cycling home from an extracur-ricular school activity when

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usually he would have been
heading the other way.
Ken Naganuma had just
reached the leeward side of the
mountains overlooking Hiroshima when the bomb fell. On
a wormal day he would have a normal day he would have

been in the city.

Now 65, Naganuma is president of the FA of Japan, having represented his country in the 1952 Olympics and coached them in the 1961 and 1968 Games. In appearance and gait he could have been a Huddersheld left-back of the Fifties; in fact he was a striker

LL Naganuma remem bers clearly of August 6 1945 is that his grandmother told him was not just another air raid. indeed, he is not just another football president. True, Sir Bert Millichip, chairman of the FA, was born in August 1914 - but the Kalser went ahead all the same.

So Fife should let Japan have its World Cup if only for present evidence, the competition would be rather fun. And Kyoto, or jeztates blind nedes trians with a simulated sparrow's cheep, while remaining confident that the real thing will not turn up to spoil the accident statistics, deserves a chance.

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TV close to a deal on news access

Andrew Culf Media Correspon

A FTER a day in which BSkyB and the mainstream broadcasters traded blows on whether clips from the Tyson-Brun pay-per-view fight could be news bulletins, it seemed that terrestrial viewers had been saved by the bell.

Last night Sky said it was confident that agreemen would be reached with the BBC and ITN over fair and reasonable news access, although it refused to discuss The BBC said talks were

normal news access — six 60-second packages in 24 hours - from 8pm on Sunday, after Sky's final payper-view screening. On Thursday the BBC and ITN rejected Sky's offer of a 60-second package, supplied and edited by the sat-

ontinuing. It seemed likely the BBC

and ITN would be granted

any knock-out; they claimed talks had broken

answered the criticism that age has slowed Tyson, reduc-

ing the constant movement that made him such a difficult

target. "Mike only moves now

when it's necessary," he said.

He conserves his energy. He

loesn't waste it like he did

when he was young. When he moves it's to make something

happen."
Tyson's fellow Americans

and nowhere is their infinite

variety more evident than on

the floor of the MGM Grand

casino, as they drift placidly

in family groups between the reefs of slot machines and the

outcrops of gaming tables, like shoals of tropical fish. But for the last couple of days

they have been joined by hun-

The fear is that a defeat for

Bruno would combine with

dreds of fans of both fighters.

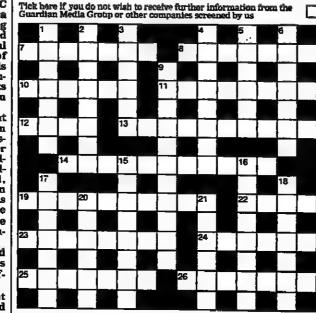
But Sky accused the BBC and ITN of publicising "a deliberately misleading version of the talks" and being driven by political considerations ahead of next week's House of Lords vote on safeguarding highlights of non-listed sports events for mainstream

Earlier it appeared that an international law firm had imposed a total terresfaxed to the main broadcasters, solicitors Park Nelson Thompson Quarrell, acting for Frank Warren and Don King Productions Inc (DKPI), warned that the promoters had licensed the fight only to Sky for screen-ing in Britain.

Warren and DRPI intend to produce a video and sales would be adversely affected, the letter warned. But Sky said last night that DKPI was reconciled to the news access

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8 As father to son maybe told

10 Collie's boss-eyed eyes (6) 11 Not making a profit? That's awkward (8)

12 St. David's day cancelled? Cunning (4)

13 Stunned -- the result of a punch to the face? (10)

14 Firm pot-belly (11) 19 Milk tooth came first -

22 Raciness of what may be

fresh but unnecessary (10)

fast on the motorway, boot 23 Group of four — please accept my bunch of fives!

24 I'm going to be holding you . near (3-3)

25 Body of soldiers also included in scheme (7) 26 Independent states attracting bird to reservoir

Down 1 Spooner's police smut — a cinema favourite! (3-4)

2 Noisy propaganda made by all -- oh boy! (8) 3 Dull and of winter captured

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People shoot other people more in a society where guns are socially as well as legally legitimised. This is a fact. However well behaved my son is with his gun in country, I know perfectly well that in his inner city comprehensive his shooting activities give him status. Sara Maitland

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The massacre of the children of Dunblane has thrown the liberal notion of human nature as basically good and redeemable into confusion. HENRY PORTER asks leading thinkers how the killings can be squared with our ideals. Illustration by GEOFF GRANDFIELD

Reason eclipsed by evil

of Dunblane Primary School, said that evil had visited his school on Wednesday morning there is no one in the country who would oppose him. He has seen things this week that gives him a voice which is heard above all others.

The murders of Dunblane and the use of the word evil have tested the liberal conscience more than anything cise in the last 50 years, more than terrorist bombs or serial killings or the disaster of Abellan, What has happened is obviously of a much greater order of magnitude than any-thing we thought could happen in this liberal democracy of ours, with all its far vurues and faults.

It seems almost implicit that what took hold of that school was a terrible extrane ous force, and the only word we have for it is Ron Taylor's

word — evil.

That should satisfy us, but it goes against every liberal's instincts to acknowledge evil as a dynamic in human affairs. If liberals admit evil in this way, then we lose hope of explanation and throw from the orbit of human responsibility things which we believe may be improved and can be controlled to create a better society. If liberals accept that Thomas Hamilton's actions were a manifestation of the utmost evil, and not the result of extreme psychological dis-tortion, then we renounce the idea that a society may deter-

mine its own enlightenment. The Daily Telegraph has suggested that there was a religious answer to Dunblane which is to be found in Dostoevksky's The Brothers Karamazov.

"Suffering," said the paper's leader column, "even the suffering of children is necessary for men to know the difference between good and evil "This is impossible for the non-believer to accept. Every liberal conscience whether believing in God or not — draws from Voltaire, who wrote in the Philosophical Dictionary in 1764: Among the absurdities with and which can be counted

among our evils, it is not a trivial one to have imagined wo all-powerful beings fighting each other to see which of them would put more of nimself into this world."

That is the way we think of it at a distance — cool and rational — but when we get up close to something like Dun-blane and see one of those competing forces has trag-

with the use of the word evil. This certainly has been the experience of the blographer Geoffrey Wansell, who in been studying the transcript West for a book to be pubat the year zero you wouldn't have made an impact on him." Wansell believes that in the

case of West, evil was an "extra dimension" which operated above the usual influ ences of nature, nurture and free will: "It is a very impor-tant part of the Fred West story and I make no secret of the fact that I have spent much more time in church on my knees recently. What I have found is beyond the lib-eral view that with enough treatment you could have avoided what he did — that is not enough, rationality is not

His reaction to the West transcripts is not the only one available to writers who deal with such things. I asked Gitta Sereny, who has specialised in the study of the Nazi terror machine, especially in her recent biography of Albert Speer, whether she could apply the word evil to Hamilton in a way that was used 400

"That would worry me." she said. "Perhaps I am too rational for that. I think this nan was obviously mad. I don't think that is a matter of logical sense. Equally I don't

ically lost out we tend to agree

another context has come into close contact with the worst our society has to offer. For the last six months he has of police interviews with Fred lished in the summer. "I am absolutely certain there is such a thing as evil," he says. "There is an identifiable sense of evil about West and I think it has [a] pervasive quality. I simply don't agree with one or two of the experts, who say that if only you could have got to Fred early we could have treated him. If you got to Fred

think that it could have been prevented or predicted, though there is obviously the

question of the guns he had."

There is a reverence for the word evil and also an anxiety about its use. People pull back from it because they know what such attribution implies for the rest of their beliefs. The writer and parrister John Mortimer, who has defended many killers, says he could not judge the greater metaphysical question of good and evil. "If I knew the answer I should be wiser than anybody. But I do think that generally a belief in evil is terrifically useful if you want to ignore certain things. If you believe that criminals are evil you don't have to take responsibility for the society which produces what we decry. It lets us off the hook." The writer Richard Hog-

gart, who has recently published The Way We Live Now. a sometimes pessimistic view of modern Britain, agrees with Mortimer: "Understand-ably people use the word evil. rly all MPs asked about Dunblane used it. I find it doubtful as a way of reacting. know why they do it. They do

It to show the depths of their rejection of this behaviour. It also suggests that anything that shocks terribly like this must be evil. It perhaps makes people feel a bit easier to say there is such a thing as evil."

Hoggart also makes the point that Hamilton was "definitely aberrant and out of his mind" which could not be the same thing as evil. 'What I have found from

But how are we to describe Hamilton's state of mind, which on the surface at least appeared to be con-trolled enough for him to arm himself, make plans and travel inconspicuously from his There was plainly in ordered intent in what he did on Wednesday

morning, a conscious sequence which required logic and forethought. Although there is evidence of madness in his letters and obsessive behaviour, there is also at least as much evidence of the sort of evil that is described by Jay Glenn Gray in his book Warriors, "Anyone who has watched men on the

battlefield at work with artillery or looked into the eyes of veteran killers fresh from the slaughter, or studied the description of the bombardier's feelings while smashing tar-gets, finds it hard to escape the

conclusion that there is a delight in destruction. Walk on the battlefield and sense

the Fred West case is beyond the liberal view that with enough treatment he could have avoided what he did. What I have found is that rationality is not enough'

> the radical evil there . . . ttsurpasses mere human mad-ness" (my italics). Christian moralists insist that the act of Hamilton's destruction cannot necessarily be dismissed as self-evident madness, especially since he himself is dead and so

much of what went on in him

that is at work in the world. "Language is important.
You get away from the probble evil that will always be you think of it more in moral

has gone. "Ask yourself, if this was not evil, what was it?" says Cristina Odone, editor of the Catholic Herald. "This was someone who understood the wrong is useful too."
I asked her whether vice he would break every rule of society and reach devastation."

As Marina Warner points out, this is a view more usu-ally associated with fundamentalist

sects. "Generally the higher you go in religious ritual, the more people think in terms of absence of grace. But there are increasingly people of liberal persuasion who think of evil as being something more than a lack, or an absence. I can't myself think of a being like that, a sort of dynamic evil

lem of Satan and the ineluctathere doing dreadful things, if terms. It is helpful to think of the word vice in its opposition

to virtue and not just about evil. That whole metaphorical range which includes vitiation, the idea that something is spoiled, distorted, taken into

was not too weak a word and whether Hitler's extermination plan, conceived and executed over a decade. demanded the word evil. A knowledge of conscious inten-tion was surely important in

distinguishing wrongdoing, vice and evil. "The example of the Nazis is Interesting. I don't think there was enough resistance there. eople were duped or taken in and the *vitiation* spread, creating an atmosphere in which people voted for Hitler. If this man [Hamilton] was allowed to have handguns under licence, it is not demonic evil, but a failure of resistance. Why I am worried about corroborating a notion of evil stalking abroad is because it

lets people off the hook." Canon Michael Perry at Durham Cathedral agrees although he is part of the Group that researches and occasionally practises

exorcism. "A lot of people, myself included, believe in personal forces of evil. According to some there was an internal badness in Hamilton. According to others, the Devil got into him. This is just a way of passing the buck. You can't go around looking for demons to

explain it. "Whether it is an evil force nside him or an entity outside doesn't really matter. It is evil: it is wrong. It is not good and it is not God's will. What Hamilton needed was a psy-chiatrist, not an exorcist."

So Ron Taylor was right to say that his school had been visited by evil. It has an entirely appropriate modern application, which expresses the gravest moral outrage but does not of necessity threaten liberal values. To say that what happened on Wednesday is evil is as justifiable as Jay Glenn Gray's observations from the battlefield. Both men knew what they were talking about, yet I doubt that either would subscribe to the religious view expressed in the Daily Telegraph that the suf-fering of children is necessary for men to know the difference between good and evil.

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A poll without a goal

HERE is a very good case for hold-ing a referendum on a European single currency. But it isn't the one that is increasingly driving the Conservative Party towards adopting the idea. Most of the original pressure for a referendum came from people who opposed not only the single currency but also Britain's membership of the European Union itself. They are convinced that the mood of the country is increasingly on their side. They think that a referendum would overturn the establishment consensus in favour of Europe. They thought the same 20 years ago when Britain first entered the Common Market. In the event Britain voted by two-to-one to stay in. But the Europhobes are undeterred. They believe, against good judgment and much evidence, that things would be different next time.

A less principled but equally wrongheaded group of Conservatives believes that the party might do better in the general election if it offered the prospect of a single currency referendum. This view is mistaken on two important counts which its proponents foolishly ignore. The first is the illusion that Europe is the determining issue on many voters' minds, whereas the evidence is that it is not. The second is that the Conservatives would be alone in offering such a plebiscite, whereas Labour has not ruled one out and the Liberal Democrats announced only this week that they now support the idea. The imagined party advantage of which many increasingly desperate Tories dream is, in reality, almost non-existent.

Then there are the ones who are scared of Sir James Goldsmith and his one-man Referendum Party. Sir James likes people to be frightened of him and he is certainly both confident and rich enough to go through with his threat to stand in every constituency if the Conservatives don't adopt his policy. In their present mood of electoral despair, some Tories have persuaded themselves that it is essential to make peace on Sir James's bullying terms. As reasons for adopting a course of policy go, this has little to do with principle — but it has little to do with reality either. Sir James imagines that everyone shares his monomania (when they don't) and puts it about that as many as two dozen seats could change hands if he runs (they won't). The number is more like two than two dozen, and even that is optimistic.

There are two really serious arguments for holding any referendum. The first is that the issue itself is of sufficiently momentous significance as to require the explicit endorsement of the electorate. The other is that it is positively good for the democratic health of society that a particular issue should be

put to the popular vote. There can be little doubt that control of the currency — which is one of the things which would be implied by full monetary union — is in principle a sufficiently momentous issue to qualify under the first head. And there is equally little doubt that the political process in this country is sufficiently discredited to make referendums (along with other forms of constitutional and electoral reform) a desirable and more permanent feature of our system of democracy. Those who cling to unreformed parliamentary supremacy may be right in theory, but they are simply out of touch.

Those who advocate a referendum on the single currency, or even on the EU intergovernmental conference, have nevertheless to keep their feet on the ground. In reality, no referendum can be held without a prior government commitment and a prior parliamentary endorsement. In practice, that means both that the Cabinet needs to be united. save in special circumstances, and that the Government is able to get a bill through the Commons. In the case of the single currency, it is difficult to see how a question could be drafted which does not in practice put EU membership at issue too. These are not reasons for opposing the referendum, but they severely constrain the politics of it. If the Cabinet decides in favour of a referendum next week, its problems will only just have begun. To do so while risking the Chancellor's head -- when he more than anyone is the architect of most of what the Conservatives can boast about - looks a recipe for Tory disaster.

Waiting for the final bell

N TIMES of public shock and mourning, the relentlessness of the sporting calendar often strikes a jarring note. Early tomorrow, at the end of a week in which the phrase "senseless violence" has taken on connotations, and acquired a new benchmark, beyond anyone's worst imaginings, the world's sporting attention will shift to the fight between Mike Tyson and Frank Bruno in Las Vegas

It will be widely assumed, not least by readers of the Sky TV Guide and associated publications, that this fight is for the world heavyweight boxing championship. It is not. Tyson and Bruno are disputing the World Boxing Council (WBC) version of the world championship. The WBC itself is one of no less than four competing organisations which each declare their own champions at every one of 17 different boxing weights, making 68 in all. Every day of the year, there is probably a "world title fight" going on somewhere and taking money off deluded souls.

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Thus this contest does not affect the World Boxing Association (WBA) title, held by one Bruce Seldon, the International Boxing Federation (IBF) title, held by Frans Botha, or the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) title, held by Riddick Bowe. But even this figure of 68 may be an underestimate, since it excludes the World Boxing Union (WBU),

run by a former flower-seller from his front room in Norfolk, which recognises George Foreman as world champion. There are also the International Boxing Council (IBC) and the World Athletic Association (WAA) with some champions of their own, and there is nothing to stop the rest of the population of Norfolk or anywhere else inventing a sonorous name, declaring Muhammad Ali, Ray Illingworth or Pamela Anderson champion of the world and attempting to make money from the proposition.

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The WBC, the body in charge of tomorrow's fight, was once considered the most credible, or least incredible, of these bodies. It forfeited that claim in 1990, when it attempted to reverse James "Buster" Douglas's financially inconvenient defeat of Tyson, the one clear-cut and indisputable event that has occurred in boding in veets.

in boxing in years.

Bruno's engaging personality should not blind us to the fact that, even leaving aside the mounting and horrific medical evidence, this is no longer a sport worthy of serious attention. John Rodda, boxing correspondent of The Guardian for 31 years, made this point on the BBC2 programme A Bloody Art only last night. It is increasingly unanswerable. Henry Cooper, British boxing's icon, is now too appalled to do commentaries. Some people have complained bitterly about the British TV arrangements for the Bruno fight. Normally there might be a legitimate complaint. This time it is triple ring-fenced, by being only on Sky, by being pay-per-view, and with no news access. There, in near-privacy, is where it rightly belongs.

As old enemies rear their heads again and outdated conflicts reemerge, MARTIN WOOLLACOTT looks at the West's illusions, the evolution of grievances and asks how did relationships get so sour? Illustration by PETER TILL

Head to head in the nervous nineties

T IS enemies time again in the West. The Yellow Peril, the Mad Mullahs, and even the Red Menace are back with us as if they had never been away. In the Straits of Taiwan, Chinese threats are countered by the Seventh

At Sharm el-Sheikh, Islamist terrorism is confronted by international rhetoric, if not by much else. And even though Russia was on the "right" side at the Summit of the Peacemakers, there is still the rise and rise of Russian nationalism and neo-imperialism, which could give us a commu-

which could give us a communist president by the summer. Mrs Thatcher caught the mood of the moment, although with her usual capacity to take everything to the point of

caricature.

In her strange speech at Fulton, Missouri, a missile shield for America and Europe takes the place of Winston Churchill's iron curtain. She spoke of rogue nations, but also of China, and of the dangers of a revanchist Russia — of the very same circle of enemies, even if they are not wearing quite the same ideological clothes, with which the West contended in the old days. Her implication is that just as Europe and America were

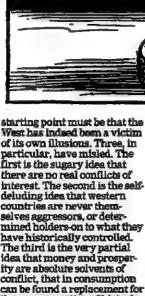
forced by events in the second half of the forties to discard their illusions about the peace that had been won in 1945, so events are pushing us toward a similar moment of truth in the second half of the nineties.

It would be hard to deny that old patterns of conflict are reasserting themselves. The US Navy has been called the midwife of independent Taiwan, which would not have survived in 1950 without American warships. Its services, it seems, are

still required in 1996. As in the Taiwan Straits, so in Eastern Europe, where the question of who shall be the primary influence—Russia or the West—is raised in new form by the dispute over Nato membership. In the Islamic world, the long battle with those who resist Western influence and will not accept Israel staggers on, even though some former enemies

have become partial allies.

There has to be a careful judgment of what has gone wrong in the last few years in the relations between major states, in the evolution of societies like Russia and China, and within the Islamist resistance in its many forms. Every body senses a slippage toward aggression, and it is easy to construct nightnares. The



the consummation of historic ambitions for power, revenge, and self-respect.

The more hardheaded approach notes that countries and civilisations do not normally give up their historic ambitions because ruling institutions change. Rather, ruling institutions change because the previous ones were

failing to match those ambitions.

In Russia, the most consistent element in the varied and changing period of reform has been the impulse to reverse decline and overcome the failures of the past. Democracy, the free market, the dissolution of the Union were, for many, although not all of those who took these decisions, ulti-

mately instrumental measures in the search for Russian greatness. For some Russians, democracy ought to be part of the self-ien is in the self-ien greatness. For others, reversion to a qualified authoritarianism might, equally, be instrumental also. Whatever

serves the cause.

With China, it was always a mistake to imagine that China that China that china that china that china that commit and the sambitions could be satisfied by economic growth and that alone, with the addition of some "security architecture aimed at binding China into collective institutional arrangements.

power, and respect. Economic growth and trade are means to that end, but not the only means, and a security architecture which reduced Chinese influence to a single vote is not an attractive option. The sham war against Talwan is not about Taiwanese political independence, but about Taiwanese independence of mind. Those who run China do not. They like meekness and

China wants greatness,

people who keep their heads down.
In the Islamic world, we find other societies agonised over their relative decline and aspiring to greatness but much. much further away from any achievement that, even in crude terms, could be so called. A certain kind of war against Israel and the West has survived, sadly but not surprisingly, in these circumstances. It is sustained by Iran's assumption of the leading role in the attempt to restore the fortunes of Islam, and by rivalries between Iran and other Muslim states. To say, as the previous head of Shin Bet did recently, that "Without money, there is no terror" is a half-truth. Hamas is not just a creation of money, and until the forces and ideas it preve.

recently, that "Without money, there is no terror" is a half-truth. Hamas is not just a creation of money, and until the forces and ideas it represents get some limited accommodation, just as the Israelis and the PLO did before they gave up the terror weapon, there will be no end.

A nasty China, a less nasty

A nasty China, a less nasty but still worrying Russia, a terrorist front in the Middle East, is not the most brilliant of prospects. It is even dangerous, as Mrs Thatcher says. But this is not Mao's China, not Stalin's Russia, nor is it the hopeless Middle East of the past. Russia will be voting soon, even if we worry about the results. China is restive precisely because Taiwan is holding free elections. The struggle in the Middle East is fought out in the spaces

between elections, whether those just completed — and not completely fraudulent — in Iran or those to come in Israel. Democracy is everywhere, even if it is sometimes the democracy of the daft.

We could not expect to discard overnight, just because there had been some political changes, the traditions of power and primacy which motivate states and civilisations, including our own. Both the United States and Western Europe, in their different ways, also live off this kind of capital. The difference is that we were, historically, the winners and intend, with adjustments, to remain so. The other difference is that we frequently fail to admit either of

these things.

What ultimate settlement there might eventually be of claims to power and leader-ship that are, in principle, irreconcilable, is not easy to see. More equality between states and civilisations, to take away the bitterness. More wisdom, to modify the appetite for control. More self knowledge, so that we are served by history rather than broken by it. These are difficult prescriptions, as we edge along the often narrow path between appeasement and confrontation.

Should I call the shots?



Sara Maitland

Y 14-YEAR-OLD son wants an air rifle.
He can afford to buy one with money he has earned himself, but the law does not permit him to purchase it, nor pellets for it, so he is dependent on my consent.

consent.
Obviously, I would not be writing this if I was not confused. A part of me is not just consenting, but fairly sure that an air rifle is a healthy thing for a 14-year-old to want. I was brought up in a culture of guns, guns handled responsibly and within the law: to this day my mother alarms unsuspecting visitors by lapping up from the breaklast table to shoot rabbits through the dining-room

window.

I was taught to shoot with my brothers and sisters — 10 shots with a .22 at a handmade target before breakfast and warm rewards from adults for accuracy. I never promoted myself to a shotgun, though I could have if I'd wanted. My brothers all did, one of my sisters stalks. Gun handling was treated as normal, though there were

firmly-imposed rules.

Within that context, part of me feels, there were long days of healthy exercise—infinitely preferable to long days shooting electronic objects on a TV screen—and sociability. There were quiet evenings of solitude. There were magical moments. There was real responsibility. There was the learning of a manual and, physical skill. There was the sense of contributing to the family meals—and if you shot, you skinned or plucked and gutted. There was a knowing of the topography of a place, a quietness, a sense of movement and stillness and patience rewarded.

patience rewarded.
In theory all these things are as achievable without a gun in hand as with, but in fact my son would not get up before dawn and tramp damp woodlands looking for deer, and seeing fox cubs at play and duck rising off small lakes at dawn, unless my brother-in-law had inspired him with the offer of a poss-

ible shot at rabbits, pigeons or rooks, which are all, like it or not, destructive vermin in

our particular neck of the woods, just as rats are in more urban surroundings.
This winter he had a job beating for a local shoot: he has made friends—with adults as well as peers, earned some money (which is why he can afford the air rifle), learned a lot about the countryside and had hours of fun. Of course he wants an air

Of course, also, it would be nice if he kept the rabbits off my delphiniums: I do have an interest.

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It all seems not only natural but quite desirable to me: I did not grow up to be part of a lethal gun culture, why on earth should he?

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But . . . well, there is another part of me. This part of me says a number of things that are confused together and probably need to be separated.

There is the question of

There is the question of class. There was a man on television earlier this week who represented some field sports society and everything he said stank of class privilege: it was all right for people like "us" to have guns because we were responsible citizens, but "they" were another matter — criminals or nutters. This seems dangerous.

People shoot other people more in a society where guns are socially as well as legally legitimised. This is a fact. However well-behaved my son is with his gun in the country. I know perfectly well that in his inner city comprehensive his shooting activities give him status.

Gun culture is macho. As a feminist I simply don't want him there. I am deeply divided.

I am deeply divided.
I know what I really want. I want him to come to me and say "in the light of events this week. I don't want to have an air rifle; not because I have changed my desires, nor because I think an air rifle will turn me into a murderous maniac, but because at this moment giving up would be a social contribution, would be relating my desires to the needs of a community".

In other words I want him—that is not me—to take responsibility. He is almost certainly not going to. In miniature, then, I am forced to decide on a question that should be confronting us all: is the danger of guns in this society now greater than the danger of further infringing the liberties of people who use their freedom innocently?

Smallweed



THAS come to my notice that some readers find it hard to disentangle their feelings in the intertwined issues of Charles and Di and Will and Julia Carling.
There are clearly discernible factions aligned with

tered before big European wil-

Charles and Diana, but in Smallweed's experience some of these people have difficulty in forming clearcut views on the now equally doomed Carling marriage. In the hope of offering comfort to the perplexed I consulted the ubiquitous analyst Dr Perje Rassaud, who recommended the use of the Blameometer which adorns today's column. "So good for crystallising one's deepest emotions" the sage en-

It's extremely simple to use. Just ask yourself: who do you blame the more for the state of the royal demarriage: Charles or Diana? Him or her? Then put the same question about Will and Julia. A space is provided for those who blame both parties equally. There are nine possible permutations, each of which is accommodated in a space in the Blameometer.

thuses.

Further copies of this table can be obtained from Smallweed Enterprises for a nominal sum (£350). These can be used to resolve similar difficulties if one's friends embark on intertwined divorces. Readers who don't give a damn about any of this gallimanfry might like to note that the Blameometer also provides the ideal format for noughts and crosses.

LL THIS assumes, of

course, that C and D and W and J are free agents, driven by impulse, whim and fatal attraction, rather than puppets in a tortuous game devised by some gifted screenwriter. Such are the twists and turns of the story that Smallweed rather favours the screenwriter and even suspects a plot by the ubiquitous Rmma Thompson to land a further award after Sense And Sensibility. If so, I'm

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prepared to offer for a nominal sum (£350,000) the idea for a further potential twist in the script. This is, that once the royal divorce is over, Charles should marry Julia. As Bertrand Russell loved to point out, nothing unites a people or a society like the shared or a society like the shared or experience of an external threat. Charles and Julia are already united by the experience of such a threat (Diana), and may also be linked by another: a shared

CHARLES AND CHARA

dislike, even fear, of Rugby Union football. Charles over the years has shown little interest in the game, while Julia is said to have affronted team mates of Carling by refusing to watch him playing.

A further ingenious twist

in the story, again available for a nominal sum (£3.5 mf). lion) would see Diana betrothed to the abiguitous Carling. So entranced would all four players be come with the symmetry of this solution that a joint wedding would be arranged. Since all four would by then be divorced people, this could not be in church, thus destroying my hopes of calling this episode Incense And Insensibility. I can see no bar, however, to the use of Westminster Hall or Prince Charles's model village of Poundbury (which by then, I suppose will have changed its name

to Eurobury.)

N THE LIGHT of the Dunbiane killings, I see, the planned release of the video version of the highly successful movie Natural Born Killers has been sensitively postponed until a more appropriate moment. An appropriate moment, I suppose this means, to resume dissemination of

them, killing sprees, are fun.
Just when, I wonder, will it be judged that this moment has dawned? I think I have enough confidence in the innate good taste and decency of the people who market this stuff to predict that it won't be till after the Dunblane funerals.

the message that serial kill-

ings, or as people now call

OBY Jessel (Con,
Twickenham): When a
puffer meets a buffer,
one of them is bound to suffer. If the buffer, then the
puffer knows itself to be the

rougher. If the puffer, then the buffer knows itself to be the tougher. If the puffer and the buffer both unbappily should suffer, then the buffer knows the puffer. must be driven by a duffer*. There are a lot of duffers in this place, and most of them are on the other side of the House.

Brian Wilson (shadow

transport spokesman): I was trying, on the back of an envelope, to compete with the poetic efforts of the honourable member for Twickenham. I got as far as:

This debate has concluded without rancour Although the last speaker was the honourable member for Twickenham. * Commons debate on London Transport, Wednesday.

A lawyer writes: Mr Jessel appears to have been quoting "Traffic and Theatre Rhymes" by Guy Boas.
Nothing in the preceding

should be construed res ipsa loquitur or auri sacra fames as an imputation that the member for Twickenham composed these words himself, though knowing Tobe. one wouldn't have put it past him.

Y APPEAL for help in pronouncing Shrewsbury has produced, I am happy to say, not one but two authoritative rulings. The first, from Cornwall, is based on assidnous research among the townspeople and concludes that since Shroo is their overwhelming preference, it must be correct. So that settles it: it is Shroosbury.

Shroosbury.
The other, based on diligent scrutiny of ancient maps, says the place was once spelled Shroesbury. So that settles it: it is Shroesbury.

I trust that this will be helpful to readers.

Pitfalls on the VIP road to Dunblane



Martin Kettle

T COULD have happened anywhere. But it didn't. It happened in Dunblane, and that particularity is full of little consequences which would not follow if it had hap-pened in Dorchester, Dowlais or Doncaster, as it might just as easily have done.

Disaster engulfed Dunblane with the arbitrariness of a space satellite crashing uncon trollably to earth. The human responses were spontaneous and universal. But, occurring where it did, the Dunblane disaster has also set off a set of cultural and political responses precise to the place

Goodness knows what the odds are of such a thing happening in a constituency whose MP is also the relevant Cabinet minister and in the very town where that minis-ter's opposite number himself lives. Yet as we all now know, Dumblane is in Michael Forsyth's seat and George Robertson lives there.
The two did as eloquent a job
as anyone could on Wednes-

ertheless, they are politicians and it is inconceivable that there was no party descant to the politicians' dignified double act. Part of this derives simply from the fact that Dunblane is in Scotland. As Scottish secre-

day. Both men were propelled to Dunblane by events, with

barely a second thought. Nev-

tary, the skilful but unpopular Forsyth has the difficult task of representing a nation which votes overwhelmingly against his party year after year. Robertson, by contrast, leads the ruling party of Scotland. Given the coincidence of the disaster occurring in Dun-blane, there was also political udgment in the two rivals coming together in a biparti-

Every other day of the year, these men are running apainst each other for office. Forsyth sits for the most marginal seat in Scotland and the sixth most winnable constituency on Labour's target list. He would not be a politician if he did not grasp that beneath the grief Dunblane was also an unsought opportunity to promote himself. Nor would Robertson be a politician if somewhere deep down he did not appreciate those implications too, and the need to neutralise

concetimes have a deeper impulse. Yesterday John Major went to Dunblane, accompa-nied by Tony Blair. Both men eemed at ease with the situation. If ever an event symbol-ised the difference between the public politics of the 1990s and those of the 1980s then this was it. Imagine how Margaret Thatcher would have responded to Dunblane. She would have been on the first plane north, chasing ambulances and photo opportuni-ties, milking it, with Neil Kin-

Yet bipartisan polities can

Major had to go to Dunblane, l suppose. It was a well-inten-tioned human gesture and, on ralance, probably a necessary public duty too. And presumably Blair felt he had to accompany him, for the same mix of

reasons. But it is interesting that Major agreed. For if Blair then why not Paddy Ashdown! Or Alex Salmond of the Scottish Nationalists? Or even David Trimble? Where do such lists of wreath-layers stop? romanticised. In the circumstances it is

easy to sympathise with those in Dunblane who began to voice a certain resentment at the VTP trippers yesterday. Dunblane has suffered an unelievable horror. What a lot of its people need more than anything is time and space. Anyone who does not actually need to be in Dunblane ought to find other ways of showing their support than visiting the stricken town.

And yet an event like this does require that someone speaks for the rest of us and symbolises our collective. national solidarity. Yet who is that person, and why? Dun-blane exposes lack of clarity in our societal understanding of that delicate but immensely

esonant problem.
On these islands very large numbers of us no longer know instinctively and without reservation what our nationbood is and therefore who represents it for us. The particularity of Dumblane in this respect is obviously its Scot-tishness, but this factor ought not to be oversimplified or

HE overlap of Scottish-ness and Britishness is just one among many muddying problems of contemporary identity. There are others, including race, gen der, community and even politics. What they add up to as a whole is uncertainty. Some, perhaps even most,

will be impatient with all this. They will say that in reality, whatever else we are, we are all British. The clear embodi-ment of our Britishness, especially at such a moment as this, is the head of state. If any one ought to go to Dunblane and be understood as repre-senting us all, it is the Queen.

Dunblane on Monday — ac-companied, interestingly in the circumstances, by the Priness Royal. Her visit is not without controversy, since it risks becoming entangled with the funerals, and sharp words have been heard from some

bereaved parents about the

mix-up.

But the real issue is surely more subtle. The VIP route to Dunblane and the delicate dif-ficulties it is provoking are proof of the monarch's damaged position in our life. She has lost her unchallengeable grip on the nation. She has be come one among many who claim to represent us, albeit still the most important one. But she now has to take her turn along with Blair and Major, Forsyth and Robertson

Kirsty Wark and Lorraine Kel-ly and all the rest of those who speak for us in their various ways at moments such as this. Just as politicians seem to be acquiring a position which is not necessarily theirs to occupy, so the royal family are now less capable of exercising a position which at one time

The Queen is indeed going to was theirs beyond challenge bunblane on Monday — ac Because they are damaged goods, they cannot so easily do the only thing they are there to do. Neither Prince Charles nor Princess Diana can now plausibly represent us in a situation like Dunblane. Were they to try to do so, it would be seen as a publicity stunt. Even the Queen has to tread more care

fully now. It would be an exaggeration to claim that Dunblane embodies the current crists in the British state and constitution. But in an important and very serious way it does cast light upon it. Confronted with the unimaginable horror of the death of many children, our society wants to put its arms around Dunblane and let the people there know that we care. But the traditional neans of doing this no longe

work in the way they once did. Dunblane is above all a personal, familial and community catastrophe. But it is also a national moment. The uncer-tain credibility of our rituals and symbols tells us yet again that something needs to be

Utopian

CATHERINE BENNETT on visions of the future at the ldeal Home Exhibition

OR MANY years, the great draw of the ideal Home Exhibi-tion has been its awesome lack of attractions. In an uncertain world, it can be depended upon never to show anything essential, covetable or interesting. For the acquisitive, a tour of two great han-gars containing thousands of products which they would actually pay not to own is a

Inevitably there are pedants who say that an exhibition called Ideal Home, should exhibit some Ideal Homes. Every March they write articles in broadsheet newspapers, deploring the tackiness of the latest "show-village", and recalling the days when famthe countryside, not the city is in demand: each day 300 people quit towns for rural, or formerly rural areas.

Already, 29,000 acres of land are consumed each year, ac-cording to projections by The Council for the Protection of Rural England, one-fifth of England will be urbanised by 2050. How will the landscape

It will look like the Earl's Court show village. Except worse. The show village houses have spaces betwee them. "I'd live in that one", said one woman, who admire "Duchess", with its pitched-roof double garage, Victorian-style canopies and white plastic windows. "But where these houses are built, they're



Living Barbie (above) makes an appearance at the Ideal Home Exhibition which showcases the latest household goods

ous architects used to show interestingly-shaped pods and boxes in which, it was imagined, the residents of the future would one day con-sume their food pills and make Where are the pods of vester year, these critics demand. Where is the visionary, the glumpse of the future?

In an unsettling turn of events, this year's Exhibition provides not just a glimpse. but a fair-sized vista of how Britain will look in years to come. It will look like the Earl's Court show village: a landscape of steel-framed houses, customised with as-

sorted heritage claddings. In the past, it was possible to make light of the Earl's Court show village, and pray that a shrunking population these abject constructions. Besides, after the housing slump, who would want to invest in them?

Now government figures suggest that 4 4 million new homes will be required by the year 2016. Rather than full spaces within existing towns. developers prefer to build "bolt-on" settlements (or ur-ban sprawl), or better still, new towns and new villages on green-field sites. After all,

always built far too close to one another. They have enor-mous houses, with no

The show village is built by a company called Bellway. In the Bellway catalogue, now being liberally distributed to visitors, illustrations show each house — the "Winches-ter", the "Portland", the "Duchess" — in an individual glade, with a view of empty blue sky and towering trees. But Aritain is too small for that. Each house belongs to a

The Winchester, for example, is part of an executive colony in south Northumberland: "a rural setting, ideal for those who wish to live away from the hectic pace and rum-bling sounds of urban life . . . " If any human relics of rural life still survive in this area, they are unlikely to be able to afford the executive price of

£145,000. Another ideal home, rendered in cream to give "the character of a Victorian rec-tory", is now available at a development in the "mainly rural parish of Ashingdon... two miles north of the old matket town of Rochford." This one, with its meagre windows and olde-worlde gables, is a favourite with visitors.



and on tap "I like the eaves and the things they do on them now" says one woman. "They're not so plain as they used to be; people are going back to the old things. In Cambridge we

have hundreds and hundreds like this." On a plump double bed, in the Duchess's master-bed-room, lies a copy of the Bellway annual report. The chair-man boasts of buoyant sales, and a bright future, as "planning permission has in-creased from 12,000 plots to

some 14,000 plots." But this is not enough. 'It is clear that Britain needs new homes", says the report, adding that Bellway supports the "new villages concept", and developments "on the fringe of the countryside". Indeed, Bellway thinks it is doing the countryside a favour; boring stretches of anonymous verdancy can only benefit from the arrival of the Portland, the Duchess and the Winchester: housebuilding can impart character and a sense of place to the landscape . . ." Only planning authorities,

it seems, stand between Bell-way and massive landscape enhancement. The company objects to a "new tendency for authorities to become deeply involved in design issues, and to be too eager to refuse applications on the grounds of design." For Bellway, the And customers favour rustic style estates. "Councils," says the company report, "should not dictate against market forces and the guidance of planning professionals, on matters of bousing mix and design. Only in the most exceptional circumstances should elected representa-

tives overrule professional recommendations . . . But Bellway's potential customer-architects are notably incurious on matters of housion on the show-homes, they comment, immediately, on the interiors: "No fitted wardrobes!"; "Those curtains with bobbles — they're dust traps." What about the outside? Very nice, is the general feeling. "Very nice", says Gra-ham Weston, who is currently building a new home, in a village near Ely. "The brick fin-ish is very nice; the roof a very nice — blends in quite well.' What's his ideal home? "A Georgian mansion, set in 20

Inside the show homes, designers have striven to sugeest that houses built in 11 days are in fact venerable cottages and manses; chrome, white goods — in fact white itself — have all been judged too avani-garde for comfort. Straight lines are buried beneath an avalanche of swags pelmets and cushions. The Winchester's sitting room attempts an Edwardian look. with a cornice, picture rail, baronial fireplace, dado rail and an accretion of at least 10 differently patterned fabrics and papers.

Whatever the ostensible period — Elizabethan, Geor gian, Gustavian — applied ecoration is now compulsory in the popular ideal home. If. as Adolf Loos wrote in his 1908 manifesto against ornament, applied decoration is a crime no different from graffiti. most exhibitors at the Ideal Home deserve a five-year stretch. Modernism is not just unpopular, it is not an option: it has been banished.

Here, spread over 14 acres, is proof that Terence Conran's manifesto, "A Taste for Sim-plicity", has been disdainfully rejected by the masses. "It's not decoration itself that is wrong," he wrote in his 1985 House Book, "it's phoney, art-less, witless decoration." Ideal Home visitors think

differently. It's not modernism that's wrong, it's phoney, artless, witless modernism, " don't want to live in an office block," says one visitor, as she

Inside, designers have striven to suggest that houses built in 11 days are in fact venerable cottages

emerges from the Wincheste 'I want the feeling of a warm home, the modern stuff doesn't give you that." In prac-tice, this means that even a white towel must be appliqued, the television should peek from a cabinet, and a new elephone have a "period feel". "I want a *home*, not just a house," explains another woman, "My ideal would be a

thatched cottage." What happens inside these ideal homes? Aquaria: "Just add water and fish". Cats: The Ideal Home has a cat". Cookery: "The Daily food blender - thickens skimmed milk to the consistency of cream." Entertaining: "Stack 'n' Pack — ideal for parties, weddings, divorces, funerals

etc — any happy occasion!"

Most of all, the stands suggest, home-owners aspire to prostration. They crave a spa bath, a hot tub, a reclinar suite, a rocking chair, a therapeutic lounger, a support pillow, an adjustable bed for round-the-clock recumbersy: "Read in it . . . Watch TV . . . Eat in it . . . Knit and sew in

Even as a crowd, Ideal Home visitors look like ideal neighbours: they are civil and quiet, thrifty and respectable. Their desire for detached houses, far from dirt and crime, seems reasonable enough. Their only offence is against the countryside, which will soon, if they have their way, be crushed beneath the backbone of Britain into one continuous suburb: the biggest show-village in the world.

Tonight's Bruno-Tyson fight is the last straw. Even fans like LAURA THOMPSON are sick of the never-ending sports circus

That's enough hype, Harry

tomorrow morning, Frank Bruno will defend his WBC world heavyweight boxing title against Mike Tyson. It is a big sporting occasion. It has, indeed, been billed "the fight of the century". But I. for one, will not be watching it. Although I know people who pay for satellite television, I know no one who has paid the additional £9.93 (or, as of yesterday, £14.95) that will buy them the right to watch the fight on Sky Sports. And I have no intention

of spending half the night

doors of bars, like a bungry-eyed student looking for a party, in the hope of finding a crowd of drunks shouting "Bruu-no

oh, Bruu-no-oh". A couple of years ago, the thought of missing Bruno-Tyson would have been unbearable. It would have induced in me a kind of painful panic; I would have become unstoppably resourceful in my quest to see the fight. A couple of years ago, something about the idea of a sporting event - its power, its communality, its atmosphere -- had the ability to energise me in poking my head around the | a profound and precious

way. Now even if you put a ringside ticket in my hand, and give me the fare, I doubt if I could be bothered to step on the plane which would take me to Las Vegas.

The truth is that sport is becoming a bore. Watching it feels, all too often, like eating a meal where you are already stuffed as full as a sofa. Over the past few years it has had an extremely good run, during which it has moved to the forefront of our collective

consciousness, but it may not hold its position there for too much longer. By last week, only 8 per cent of Sky subscribers had forked out their tenner for the fight, and many people regarded being asked for that tenner as an insuffer-able cheek. Does this sig-

point in our seemingly insatiable love affair with Football has been for some time now the king in

nify, perhaps, a TV turning

people's hearts. But even those who love the game would have to admit that it is becoming a terrible drag. As with all the worst bores, you can't get away from it. It used to be that football would be there for us every Saturday — almost as certainly as the day itself and that these workman-

like appearances would be interspersed, deliciously, with the more glamorous cameo roles played by cup competitions. Now, however, Premier

League, Endsleigh League, FA Cup, Coca-Cola Cup, Serie A. Cup Winners' Cup. UEFA Cup. European Cup and so on all segue into one another, forbidding any ense of context.

Of course, you don't have to watch all these games. But the fact of their existence - the fact that the FA Cup, which used to possess a special spring-like charm is now almost indistinenishable from any other

competition — has a strangely numbing effect upon the spectator's capacity for pleasure And yet sport itself

remains, in essence, the same as it ever was. At the heart of a game there is still an unquestioning innocence. It is not sport that is the problem, it is the trappings, the hype, the chit-chat and personality

own goal with it. Hype has given to sport the rough glamour of rock and roll, the impregnable sheen of Hello! magazine and the importance of world politics. It has turned

Hype has made sport desirable to people who

never before saw it as a part of their lives. But,

however cleverly it still

controls the ball, hype is

coming close to scoring an

Only a fanatic few are truly excited by such staged events | It is no longer trendy.

athletes into spokespeople, sex symbols, demi-gods. It has handed sport a pass port to walk within the glittering worlds of entertain-

ment and media. In so doing, it has made millions for large numbers of managers, agents and athletes; and, of course, for men like Rupert Murdoch. whose BSkyB television company does ever more to sate the apparently infinite

appetite for more sport. But, by making sport so verwhelmingly fashionable, hype has also created the possibility that it might become unfashionable.

And that, I think, is what is starting to happen. Sport —especially football—is beginning to acquire the air of a Prada handbag, or a Blur single. It is still trendy, and certainly it is still inhabiting the world of trendiness, but it is becoming increasingly obvious that a time will come when

There will be casualties when this happens. For the rest of us, though, it will be wonderful. A ludicrously over-inflated bubble will burst, and sport will — is this too much to hope for be restored to its rightful

place. When it becomes less saleable, there will have to be less of it. Even better, there will have to be less talk about it. It will become important in a calmer, more therapeutic way. It will be revealed again for what it is: part of our lives, but not an indicator of how they should be lived. Those who hype the

Bruno-Tyson contest as "the fight of the century" will be treated — as perhaps in some quarters they already are — with the humorous disdain that they deserve. And those who, like me, love sport but can't stand what it has become, will again feel the desire to watch.

16 LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On the scraw Millennium Basin on the wall

WAS pleased to see your editorial about my son Simon Sunderland (Sentencing that is off the wall, March 14). We have started a campaign to highlight the severity of the sentence given to Simon. Readers might be interested to know the following facts: most of his work was carried out on derelict and now demolished sites such as Kel-vin flats and a derelict cabin. Sheffield council claimed that each of these cost over £1,000 to clean although they were demolished. Most of his work was done in out-of-the-way places, not in high profile, public places. None of his work

fensive language. The severity of the sentence is even more ridiculous when you take into account that the charges were brought for graf-fiti which was carried out over three years ago. Simon has been studying art and developing further drawing skills and has already produced a portfo-lio of his work. He had expected to start an art course in September 1995 leading to a

degree course.

The probation officer recom mended a non-custodial sen-tence because it would not serve the public interest for Simon to serve more than the five and half months he had aiready been on remand. The prosecuting barrister had indisted in court that he was seek ing a sentence of around 12-16

There are many crimes more serious than Simon's that have received much less savere sentences. Angela Noble 18 Wentworth Road, Jump, Barnsley S74 0JY.

OUR leader on the alleged inconsistencies of approach towards graf-fiti is far too simplistic. First, the three cases involve two different legal systems (British and American). Second. the fact that the odd graffiti artist has some of his works recognised as art cannot be an excuse for the vandalising

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FIND it sickening that you

should use a tragedy such as Dunblane to call for

tighter controls over guns

(Leader, March 15). Neither Michael Ryan nor Thomas

Hamilton should have been

granted firearms certificates. In both cases, if the law had

been enforced correctly, nei-ther would have possessed legal firearms. Whether they

would have obtained illegal

thetical question. However, it is clear that none of our very

estrictive legislation has had

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of public property.
Third, you wax indignant about the five-year sentence given to Simon Sunderland for his spraying in Barnsley. Yet you also mention that he has been about this activity for a decade — which makes him a very persistent

offender. You grossly underestimate not only the material damage, but also the psychological insecurity that graffiti can cause. Most graffiti are

extremely aggressive and de-signed to intimidate. They should be punished with all the severity which Walter Cairns. Broomhurst Hall 836 Wilmslow Road, Manchester M20 8RP

IMON Sunderland. Sgraffiti artist, has been sent to prison for five years for criminal damage. Simon Sunderland, commer cial artist, would have been paid a decent wage for defac-ing buildings with advertising.

Five years for writing on the wall. What an absurd world we live in. M A Winkworth 67 The Warren, Hardingstone Northampton NN JOEP.

No volunteers for a daft idea

OUR caption-writer (No pay, no say? No way, March 13) compounds Rich ard Gutch's lack of clarity around the distinction be tween volunteering and the voluntary sector.

There are not 23 million voluntary sector workers in the UK; there are 23 million volunteers. Many of these work with voluntary organisations Others work with statutory organisations such as local uthorities, NHS trusts and police authorities. Some even work in the private sector. There are also, which is com-pletely different, around a quarter of a million paid workers in the voluntary

To argue that there is no overlap between volunteering and the voluntary sector ever, that overlap is far less than is commonly assumed, and in no way justifies comnentaries which treat them s the same subject and move seamlessly between one and the other

Andres Kelmanson. Director, Volunteer Centre UK, Carriage Row, 183 Eversholt Street, London NW1 1BU.

For what purpose? ities. They do need good causes, most of which can be nore effectively provided by taxation.

WAS somewhat taken back by Richard Gutch's article

tary sector seriously. one regional and two national tween the voluntary sector and Government Graham Young

General Director Traidcraft Exchange Kingsway North

SO, people in the charity world are lobbying for a Minister of the Voluntary Sec-tor (Guardian Society, March

Volunteers don't need char-

The minister idea is daft. Rodney Hedley. 1 Crofton Road. Camberwell, London SES SLY.

suggesting that the Labour Party is not taking the volun-We have been involved with

meetings with Alun Michael MP, shadow minister for the voluntary sector. Tony Blair attended two of the meetings, and has apparently asked Alun Michael to conduct a review of the relationship be-

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ate a safer society. Your assertion that the olice rule that many office are unfit to hold a gun is incorrect. All police officers are le-gally authorised to possess any gun in the course of their duty. It is only the authorisa-tion to carry trearms for defensive purposes that is limited. It would be more proper to question the motives of a state that does not trust its citizens with arms. Arms bans are not compatible with democracies. Tony Garwood. 56 The Baulk,

Biggleswade, Bedfordshire SG18 0PX. HE idea that tighter con-trols on guns will prevent incidents such as Dunblane or armed crime in general is false. Armed crime in Britain, while quite rare, has risen sharply since the turn of the

gone from none to the very strict regulations in force today. Despite the 1967 Firearms Act. which outlewed automatic weapons and intro-duced registration, armed robbery had tripled by 1979. Philip Cook. 14 Limpsfield Avenue. Thornton Heath,

Surrey CR76BE. SURELY the lesson of Hun-gerford was that knee-jerk tightening of legislation has not prevented a similar tragedy, Since the first Platols Act in 1903, we have been per-suaded that more legislation is the answer to this problem. It seems perverse to react to a policy's failure by demanding more of the same.

I cannot offer any answers. I own firearms, I have a young son I love. This monster selected his target to cause the greatest anguish to us all; per-haps we should not bonour him with one-man legislation in the same way that we did with Michael Ryan. A Christmas. 19a Leigh Road.

Havant, Hants PO92ET. IGHT it not be worth considering setting up a national study to research the gray despair of "crank mail" (The letters, March 15)? Indicas predictive of what, to coin a PC extreme, might be called ultimately challenging behaviour" might emerge. Even a negative result would give some reassurance to its recipients.

Ah, but who would fund it? (Dr) Duncan Godden. 51 Russell Street, Cambridge CB2 1HT.

AMAN who stalks the Prin-cess of Wales is arrested and forcibly provided with one month's psychiatric care, A man described as a weirdo and a loner, with a long history of interest in young boys and other signs of deviant behaviour, not only remains unchecked and untreated in the community, but is permitted

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to belong to a gun club. There has to be a change in the law so that a man like Thomas Hamilton can be required to receive psychiatric treatment. This does not require, as your leader claims that the Home Secretary would have to put him "away for life". Treatment does work. But then this would require extra public expenditure, wouldn't it? And we as a nation can't afford it, can we? Kay Dalles.

10 Whitewell Close, Barnwood. Gloucester GL43TT

CAME home on Wednesday evening to an earnest conversation between my wife and my two younger children about what they would do if a man with a gun walked into their school and started shoot-ing. I had mixed feelings about seriously discussing such an unlikely and terrifying possi-bility with small children. I had not yet heard the news. They had. They had seen the pictures, heard tremulous reconstructions, experienced the horror and the numbness secondhand. It's not possible to screen children from something as enormous as this. There is no nine o'clock water shed for news. So we talked about it with

them, guided them between too deep an identification with the victims (which may cause fear and despair) and too intense a pre-occupation with revenge (which may bring nightmares of violent counter-retaliation). Normally I would have wished to help them find meaning, to reduce the power of the catas trophe by making it obey the orderliness of a coherent explanation. But the killing in Dunblane has no meaning. And yet to make it meaning less to them would be to add to the cynicism and avoidance of empathy engendered by the massive everyday recapituls

tion of violence and disaster on our screens. How to protect our children from fearing too much or caring too little, how to restore their naive faith in a predictable world, in which death happens only to very old people?
My awareness of the terrible pain of those parents who lost a child so suddenly, so meaninglessly, makes me more sensitive to the vulners bility of my children and makes me love them more ex-quisitely. They feel that. That or them is part of the predict able world. That, and my absorbing their anxieties and

London SE23 2RT. not overwhelming them with mine, helps them feel safe, rafe enough to feel for others, safe enough to bear the uncer tainties and the risks of the real world, without eschewing fear nor paralysed by an ex-(Or) **Tony Kaplan.** Child Psychiatrist, Child Guidance Centre, 8 Dryden Road, London EN1 2PP.

HOMAS Hamilton's mass slaughter demonstrated a blind hatred against humanity and himself. The psychodynamics of this are typical of such atrocities: social rejec-tion, an excessive sense of inferiority, a lust for compensatory power, and profound emotional immaturity, includ ing sexual immaturity. How did he come to be so heart-lessly desperate? He was not born like that. (Dr) James Hemming.

31 Broom Water, Teddington, Middx TW11 9QJ. THE perpetrators of such unspeakable acts make the headlines and for a brief spell achieve notoriety. Does the prospect of this spur them

on? Would it not be better to limit the coverage of such tragedies? And does the media really have to intrude upon the grief of individuals? Elisabeth Rowland. 34 Garlies Road,

FEEL considerable disquiet at the ease with which Hamliton was able to start and run youth groups. I helped to run a Woodcraft Youth Group until recently and it was policy that no adult should supervise youths at any time without the presence of another adult group member. This was for the protection, not only of the youths, but also of the adults rom suspicion.

Do we not need Government guidelines on this? M Cox. 10 Hurst Rise Road,

Oxford OX29HQ.

YOUR "Roll of carnage" (March 14) contains only men. Can we surmise that these behaviours represent the pathological extreme of male socialisation, and derive from the way men handle their emotions and relationships, the way we solve prob-lems, the way aggression is valued and channelled, and a hundred other aspects of earnt maleness?

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BUT LIFESTIVE-RELATED MEN'S HERCH ISSUES HAVE PUT "WESTERN MALE" ON THE

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Maybe this wouldn't happen if we were more like women, and since, nowadays, traditional male "virtues" seem like milistones even in the hundrum world of success at school or work, arguably we need a radical 21st century rethink of what manliness is. I bet the membership of gun clubs is 95 per cent male. Can we ban large-calibre shooting, and get it out of the Olympics,

and consign it to the dustbin of history like bare-knuckle boxing, or bear-beiting? Seth Jenkinson. Bradford BD9 4PY

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HE horrific events at Dun-blane should not blind us to the fact that children are in mediate families than from that demonic icon, the lone deranged gurman. Violence and abuse are meted out routinely by people who children are encouraged to trust; attacks by strangers are fortunately very rare and — despite knee jerk responses from the usual sources — almost impossible to predict.
John Morrison.

5 Brunswick Street,

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Dramatic ideas

century. Gun controls have

MICHAEL BILLINGTON writes (Fabulous five, March 13) that the single play for television is a "dead duck" and it's the theatre that keeps the flag flying for original writing and new voices. The one-off drama for television is actually in fighting form, as the Guardian itself will testify In the past 12 months, the Guardian has praised Lucy Gannon's Trip Trap ("an in-telligent and tough play"); Jimmy McGovern's Priest ("startling, dazzling"); Gra-ham Reid's Life After Life ("powerful... sure and subtle"); Guy Jenkins' A Very Open Prison ("succulent stuff"): and Victoria Wood's Pat And Margaret ("perfect pitch"). Maybe Mr Billington spends so much time in the theatre that he hasn't watched much TV lately. George Faber Head of Single Drama, BBC Television. Centre House, Wood Lane, ondon W127SB.

"OTAL disillusion . . . social decay ... callous society does Billington seriously think this reaction to the world by "young gun playgolden age of theatre?

I thought Edward Bond about these things in Saved in 1966. John Osborne did, too, in 1956. Shaw did, and Ibsen. 25 Wingfield Road, Walthamstow E179NN.

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Why Europe is hours ahead

YOUR coverage of the decl-sion of the European Court of Justice to reject the British government's attempt to overturn the European Commis-sion directive on working time (Guardian, March 13), did not sufficiently explain the position of transport workers. When the working time directive was issued, all transport workers were exempted, on the basis that detailed agreement should then be

reached on a specific approac for each mode of transport. Last summer the Commission made clear that agreement was expected between the em-ployers' and workers' sides, failing which the Commission would be obliged to issue its own draft directive. In January a majority of the

employers' organisations refused even to discuss the matter. As a result millions of transport workers, who are not covered by any other exist ing hours regulations, are being treated unfairly. An office worker in the finance sector will have working time regulated. But an office worker in any transport industry is not covered. This anomaly needs urgent

remedy. Long hours of work for lorry, bus and coach drivers are a danger to other workers, passengers and road users. Instead of coming up with false "solutions" to road safety the Government could at a stroke perform the single most im-portant contribution to road safety ever by saying that the working time directive should apply to transport workers. | London SW3 5AB.

But it will not, since the free them than public safety. Graham Stevenson. National Secretary, Passenger Services Group, Transport & General Workers

Union 16 Palace Street London SW1

HE UK Government argues that subsidiarity is a key concept to take to the European IGC this year. However, true subsidiarity is not just about the transfer of

functions from Brussels to member states. True subsidiarity means devolving power to the institutions clos-est to the people. Throughout Europe, local and regional government is a postive and dynamic force. Sub-national government offers the best way to enhance

a citizen's Europe Cllr Ken Bodfish Local Government Initiative for IGC 96 35 Great Smith Street London SW1P3BJ.

WILL Hutton (Commen-tary, March 13) has it right yet again, regrettably. This inverted pseudo-democracy into which we are sliding will resemble nothing more than a European Taiwan under US 7th Fleet protection by the millennium if Tory selfdelusion triumphs. Let's all get into the EU while we still can. Kevin Shilleto. 2 Mulberry Close,

Amplification from Ampleforth

MAGGIE O'KANE'S at-tempt to yoke her story to the tragic death of a monk despite the fact that he was not a member of the school staff, smacks more of tabloid than Guardian, whilst the exigency of her deadline seems to have demanded the sacrifice of both balance and accuracy (Smells, bells and scandals, March 9). In particular, Ms O'Kane's final paragraph needs to be challenged, stating as it does that "the college continues to gently decline in numbers, with no plans to change". In fact, registrations for Ampleforth in 1995 were 80 per cent up on the 1993 figures, a performance which few York YO6 4ER.

boarding schools anywhere in the country would match. Per-haps this has something to do with our improved academic performance (a fact which she does acknowledge), but I tend to think it has as much to do with the special character of the education which Ample-

As for our plans for development, of course we have many Some £5m has been invested in the last five years or so. As a school preparing boys for the 21st century, we cannot afford to stand still. Rev G F L Chamberlain.

Class action

AR from feeling any "em-barrassment" at the find-ings of research into classroom-based teacher training (Guardian, March 15), the Association of Teachers and Lecturers is delighted to find that the smooth delivery of a hastily thought-through Government reform is a result of the sheer hard work of teachers. The overriding message however, is that the current progress of the scheme relies too heavily upon this goodwill, without the necessary Government funding. General Secretary, ATL, 7 Northumberland Street,

A Country Diary

********************* NORTH PEMBROKESHIRE: We drove down to Dale in the south of the county. The wind cut us through the sunshine as we looked at the boom-she tered estuary. Suddenly a pair of goldeneye appeared. Both were displaying, the male with particular joie de vivre. Down went his beak into the water, then rush, throw, ecstasy, his upper body bent backwards whilst his beak was elevated to the sky, like an angelic trumpet. She wasn't slow to follow, not such bravura. but still a good toss of the head and pointed beak. The male's whiteness and blackness were distinct and clean. A pair of shelducks flew down, their white shining , the chestnut belt clear

and unsoiled. In these trou- | line for information. "No, you bled days it was a miracle. We willed the goldeneyes to fly dial. "Press or media?" "Neiwilled the goldeneyes to fly north at once and the shelducks to retire to a country pond. Two cormorants had not been so fortunate. They stood on a small tidal island preening, the brown oil streaking the pale front of one bird, both of them matted and stained. The waters of the Dale Roads sparked and shone in the sun, but we know this is the oil boom. The chocolate mousse phase has largely vanished, sucked up for re-use or scattered by "de-tergents" — difficult to find out what they were. People accidentally caught up in them became sick. Difficult to find out anything. Phone the Help-

ther, I just want to find out ..." "No, you must dial the Helpline." The confusion of catastrophe. In the north there's no impediment to spring. Ravens are calling to each other, renewing their bond, they fly powerfully up and hurtle down. Excited jackdaws squabble over chimney pots. Buzzards mew and wheel, higher and higher. Blue tits flit in and out of holes. Frog spawn clusters in ponds. Snowdrops, primroses, daffodils cram the banks. Everywhere an old skin seems to have slipped off to give us new shining growth.

AUDREY INSCH

Sue Ellen slurs again

So you thought it was safe to watch TV again? Here comes Dallas the sequel, warns JONATHAN FREEDLAND

R's been in England, plotting his revenge. Cliff Barnes is readying for yet another showdown and Little John Ross has grown into a fine young man. The Ewings, the first TV dynasty of the 1980s, are back. They returned this week to the city they made famous to begin filming A Dallas Reunion, a two-hour special to be screened in the US in May. Six years after CBS killed them off, studio executives are billing this as the greatest TV come-

back since Bobby Ewing last rame back from the dead. Rumour has it that if the show is a hit Dallas may live again, this time concentrating on the younger members of the oil-trading, spouse-swapping, power-crazed clan. There's even a provisional title: The Ewings — the Next

Generation This would be good news for Larry Hagman (JR), Linda Gray (Sue Ellen) and the res of the cast — whose post-Dallas careers have never quite matched their earlier glory. For Hagman, in particular, a few weeks' filming might be welcome convalesence from his liver transplant operation last year: throughout the 16 hours of surgery, doctors insisted on having the Dallas theme tune piped into the oper-ating theatre. But the chief beneficiaries of

Dallas II are likely to be the owners of Southfork, the Texas ranch which served as the dysfunctional family's seat. For Southfork is a real place — sort of — second only to the site of John F Kennedy's assassination as Dallas's leading tourist attraction. Half a million visitors a year pay homage at the house that Jock

built. It turns out the Ewing ranch really existed, built in 1970 by a JR — JR Duncan, TV executives flying over Texas looking for a house that looked right, landed their belicopter in Mr Duncan's garden and made him an offer he couldn't refuse. The Southfork you remember, at least from the outside, is the

Southfork you see.
"Unbelievable," cooed Robert Hail, an algebra professor from the University of Kentucky and Dallas addict He was standing at the very patio where Miss Ellie presided over a thousand break fasts, marvelling at the pool where Lucy — the poison dwarf — posed in her bikini. "I knew it'd be little. I knew

it," Mr Hall muttered to his family. He was right, the Southfork pool is tiny. Mirrors made it look bigger, but the

"I'm not a crook."

film-makers still had to resort to Hollywood trickery: when Bobby was swimming lans, he was really flailing on the spot,

held in place by a harness. As so often in the US, reality and fantasy blur at Southfork. "This is the actual car driven by Jock until his death in 1982," reads a sign attached to a silver Lincoln. Does that mean it was driven by the character or the actor, and did he really die or only in the show? No one seems to think

there's much difference. Most visitors are happy just to soak up the atmost stop for a sandwich in Miss Ellie's Deli, and imagine they are chez Ewing. Family snaps are placed on bedside tables in the grotesquely noveau inte-rior and, say the tour guides, the punters truly believe Pam and Sue Ellen once laid their perfectly-coiffed heads on that very pillow. Just to remind you what it's

ll about there's a Dalias Museum, complete with a TV replaying Memorable Moments from the Lives of the Ewing Clan. Remember the time Jock told Ray Krebbs he was his real father? It's there. The "real" prop gun used to

shoot JR is pres



Sue Ellen: consumed gin and

glass, and there's a family tree. entitled Ties. Lies and Com-mitments. Red lines link characters by marriage, blue is for relatives, and white is for "liai-sons". There's a lot of white

lines leading to JR.
It's all deliciously eighties, from the corporate excess to Sue Ellen's improbably heavy eye-liner. But Southfork has adapted. Now they welcome not just tourists, but conventions and even weddings: cou ples use the Oti Barons' Ballroom and have a JR lookalike

give away the hride Why Dallas was such a mash is not difficult to fathom. It was America's first evening sosp opera; the rest were all in the afternoon. And seemed terribly glamorous "You saw the grandeur of it all; money, power, oil, wealth," says Professor Hall. "And it was family oriented." Who else, besides the Waltons, all

lived under one roof? Preston Brown, a tax anpraiser, was worried about his two young daughters, oblivi-ous to the Ewing history all around them. "In 15 years, people are not going to know what this was all about." Would that be a loss? "Yes, it would," he said. In America this stuff matters.

Talking 'bout my gene ration – the pornographer of science

JOHN CUNNINGHAM meets biologist Steve Jones, whose TV series in The Blood traces DNA's history. Photograph: DAVID SILLITOE

furtive street beside Euston station in London, a small, wiry man with a harry chest and exhibitionist tendencies is preparing who've dodged the five o'clock rush to listen to his splet on all they don't know about sex. By the time you read this. iated several hundred recole. anonymous in their overcoats Sex. Stimulated but not titillated, for Jones is an exhibitionist in the way of brilliant academics and last night as one of our best science communicators, he gave the annual Haldane Lecture at University College London, where he is professor of

genetics. It was one small though prestigious window through winch the public peers during Science Week But after the annual binge of boffins which the Government promotes to convince us it's doing right by science, we'll be seeing Jones the Genetic Wiz through the huge window of BBC2 in a sixpart series which will make our genes as familiar to us as the cast of EastEnders.

The series airs m May, but before that Jones is doing his bit for Science Week, happy to oblige an interested public but unashamedly cynical -- as a provingned socialist — about the Government's motives. After all, there have been ferent departmental minister in charge each time, he says. He tishes out a Downing Street my ite from the rubble of his office. "How John Major can have a reception to Celebrate

the excellence of UK science, engineering and technol-ogy...' — that has a hollow ring to anyone working in these fields. To mourn the death of UK science' would be

You can see what he means. After a year's unpaid leave to make the series. In The Blood Jones, now 51, is back in the ab with no research funding. His last 10 or so applications have been turned down, so inseems a rum way for the grant-givers to treat a leading eneticist, who has set a fast bace through his research with those slowest of crea-

arres — snails. My strong desire now is to research. It's bard to get money, but that's not unique, although I do make a point of whining and bitching about it n a particularly gracel fashion. But it happens to lots of people and I will shortly be outting in two more applications. And long may they

Jones is a great one for selfdeprecation, and he's lethally accurate about the dilemma or oeine a biologist with a public following. "I'm a sort of pornographer of science. The role of being a communicator of science is far more ignoble than being a scientist. But

someone has to do it." His clarity is captivating. but when you see him on screen, it won't be as the update on AJP Taylor's lecture slabs of the 1960s. We're going to have six highly sophistimised documentaries with an engaging guide. The Taylor approach was tried in a pilot, says Jones, but audiences

presentation. Instead, he's Attenboroughed his way round the world, pinning down the myths that cultures have lost tribes of Israel, investigates the royal families where genetic risk is taken into account when members marry And he shows how genetic differences across the planet are disappearing thanks to the possibility of transglobal

travel for more and more of us There's a bit of glamour atached to all this. After all, says Jones, laying aside his wand, it's fairly obvious that half the population of England is descended from William the lonqueror. And that "we're all a Lost Tribe of Israel" There's quite a whiff of the Bible about Jones — it was the first book about heredity and descent, as he point out. But also, the Good Book possibly appeals to his long forgotten apel-going as a boy, not that he's keen to resurrect it.

Anyway, away with belief — "I'm the worst sort of agnost tic imaginable — I can't be othered to go into it". What he is most concerned with is offering guidance at a time when the media is stuffed with tales of sheep being cloned, the battle of good genes versus the bad, and muddles over whether it's desirable to manipulate the genes of a tomato or a brain. It's fortunate the call came him, completely out of the

blue, as he puts it, from BBC TV's Alan Yentob, who heard Trenzies his lucid Reith Lectures of five years ago, and wondered if he'd like to take on the trult of keeping us televisually time, and gene therapy is a

oreast of advances in genetics. You bet, he said. However Jones the Cautious added the rider: that he wanted to keep viewers' expectations realistic. With good reason: "My feeling is that people have ex-traordinarily over-stated hopes about what genetics

will do for the future and what genes do for the present." He reckons we're all avid for news of advances in his tor, and his integrity lead him to warn that "there is a strange return almost to the middle of the 19th century, that everything is working it self out in the public mind according to some giant biologi cal plan - people with good

He offers guidance at a time when tales of cloned sheep and manipulated tomatoes and brains are rife

genes do this; people with bad genes go to prison. But it ain't like that."

The problem is that every little thing in genetics makes front-page news now. "The lassic case is these sodding sheep," says Jones the Ver-nacular, Monsters or Miracle! creeched the Daily Mail's front page over the cloning story. "I mean, do me a favour that work was done in 1963. Biologists got excited about it then, but I don't think it got into the papers. Science hasn' changed — it's developed somewhat - but the public is on one of its periodic feeding

And there lies the danger, for it seems we want to believe all of the wizardry all of the

good example. Jones the Teacher, Jones the Preacher puts us right: "Gene therapy is unlikely to work in the next 50 years. Nevertheless, 50 per cent of people would accept ene therapy if they thought their baby was going to be born bomosexual."

But if he's fairly gentle with a self-gulling public, he's pre-disposition can become di mas that are exploited by interested parties. And he doem't exempt some of his own tribe from this failing: Some scientists would love to be able to take over the function of the law, and say this person was condemned because of his genes, and that person was not. But the answer is that this is beyond

the remit of science. Science

has limits where race is con-carned, where law is Fair enough, but as Jones gets known more and more outside his lab, and as the mantle of authority that a telly series bestows falls on him, isn't he under pressure to take a line on such issues?

"I do take a line." savs ones the Guardian reader. "My views about almost everything are utterly predict-able. They are standard milkand-water Old Labour." Getting on a soapbox to air them is one thing, but taking the coapbox into the genetics forum is less successful. he says. In particular, this is be cause in part of the media genetics equals fascism". But, he counters, "It doesn't.

Genetics equals genetics; it is value-free. Yet in spite of his caution, Jones the Visionary is present, too, and that's one attribute that's going to make com-pelling television. It's the way he tells his tales of futurology: "The extraordinary fact is that if I cut my fingernail, it keeps growing. But if I cut my

finger off, it doesn't. Why the hell is that? My guess is that in the next two or three years, we'll know the answer, then suddenly all kinds of big things will become possible. "We're moving from understanding we have a message to

being able to translate it into s language — how you get from a cell to a human being, that kind of stuff." Then, comes the cool coda: "But basic genetics If so where's the new magic?

Jones replies that if he knew, he'd be on his way to a Nobel Prize. But he points out that the future of biology lies in what Darwin called "the mys tery of mysteries" — what does a species consist of? Modern genetics has broken down the species barrier; we can move genes between species in a test-tube, which is far more mind-blowing than

"But we can only do it with particular genes. Maybe we will get to the situation when we'll have an animal that is and a wheat plant. I think it is very far from impossible." He grins. There's a bit of the wizard in even the most levelheaded genetecist

This one is likely to have both a top-rated series and a best-selling book that goes with it to his credit. In spite of his wish to go back to academia, it's hard to believe he won't keep a foot both there and in the media. Jones is, after all, a practitioner of the up-dated version of CP Snow's Two Cultures. Now the div-ision is not between arts and sciences, but within single disciplines. So there's a gap between the enclosed researcher and the academic the public loves. The good strides that gap in genetics. The pulling power of the gene.

A theory he wouldn't deny.

A single room can cost as much as \$100 a night. A rough estimate is that Vara-dero turns over \$1 million a day, providing vital hard Life is far from comfort

able for most Cuhans, al-though those lucky enough

to live around Varadero were beginning to feel that in the post-Soviet era the country could slowly pull itself out of its destitution. that is until Helms-Burton As an attempt to destabilise the Cuban government the US policy is almost laughable. If anything, it has provided Granma, the government-owned daily

paper, with its most powerful propaganda for years. The current incident has strengthened Castro's image yet further as an antiimoerialist. Another irony resonant

with dollar-rich visitors is that it is the blockade itself which makes Cuba, and especially Havana, most appealing. Havana's streets are full of pre-1959 Pontiac. Oldsmobiles and Plymouths. Much is unspoilt and undeveloped. It is an irony most Cubans could do

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ALEX BELLOS was biking round Cuba unaware like the rest of the islanders - of any military crisis



Ignorance is bliss until the writing appears on the wall

NA world where we are accustomed to lightning media analysis of even the most trivial news event, the slowness with which Cube reacted internally to its own international crisis is particularly symbolic. Havana's grafitt artists only took to the streets this week to doub the public rate pouge to the fallout from the

pones to the infient from the incident last month which

back into the cold war deep-

On Monday, a mural 40 metres long was finished in one of the city's main avenues. Full of images of fanged Americans killing Cobous, next to slogans criticising the US blockade and the upors recent, tougher de sanction, the

Locals were walking past without a glance. For them it is a painful irony that while the buildings have not been pointed for decades, there is always a fresh pot for portraits of Che Guevara and pithy reminders of the success of the revolution.

When, three weeks ago, the Cuben military shot down two Cessuas flown by Florida-based anti-Castro

mercenaries, most of the island was blissfully oblivious for several days. While the world's media was thrown into a tizzy of reporting and punditry, Habaneros were preparing for the end-of-baseball-sea son carnival.

Holidaying in Cuba last mouth, my first inkling of an incident involving planes and guns came several days later, as the official Cuban media started, gradually, to let details trickle out.

I had decided to cycle across the island but had underestimated the heat (it was 10.30am and the sun was unbearable). Motorway traffic being what it is in the light of the blockade and no subsidised Soviet oil, I parked up by a bridge and waited for the distant hum of an approaching vehicle. A man appeared 20 min-

pression than the one I eturned. Then be made plane exploding gestures and plane sinking to the bottom of the sea gestures. He laughed, and shrugged his shoulders.

ntes later. He was hitching

and had walked the last 10

miles. He looked at me with a slightly more cressed ex-

An hour later, a Lada stopped 100 metres away. and reversed back along the fast lane. We put the bike in the boot and got out in the nondescript town of Matanzas which, appropriately, means slaughte Chatting in a cafe, Cubans

were aware by that time of the US President's support for the Republican-backed Helms-Burton bill, which aims to widen the US trade embargo to the rest of the world by saying that foreign companies will have to choose between investing in Cuba or the US. For any candid businessman, it is hardly a difficult choice.

Since the Soviets left in 1989. Cuba's economy has depended on increasing business links with the rest of the world. Savaging those links will just increase the immense poverty, say most

Varadero, a tourist resort two hours cycle from Matan-zas, is the most conspicuous uple of foreign investment: a five mile-stretch of beach and hotels, with Spanish companies building many more. At either side of town there are cranes as far as the eye can see.

Television

Peter Preston

ND SO the bell rang for Rodda is the gentlest, most knowledgeable, most professional of journalists. For over three decades he was the Guardian's boxing correspon-dent. For two of those decades his editor (me) thought boxing should be hanned. We fought our corners many times in private. Last night Rodda went.

A Bloody Art seemed peculiarly placed on early evening BBC2. Penny-plain film-making built around the Rodda the sis, which amounted to an attack on BBC1. John loves box-ing. He has loved it ever since he trawled around the small-time halls of South London in the forties. But the world he loved is changing. Too many people in too few years have died in the ring or seen their brains turned to pulp.

wants short, sharp explosions of violence — not stretching exercises in the noble art of self defence or nurturings of young talent. He laments the way box-ing's grass roots have with-ered, so that now all the amateur boxers in the country wouldn't fill a decent football stand: and, of course, the less chance you have to learn the

game, the more chance you have of getting hurt. This wasn't negligible polemic. Rodda knows far too much to get trapped in glib sim plicities. But, even so, you had the feeling of watching a Right of Reply to an ouslaught no-body had delivered. The BBC. like ITV. like Sky, has never attacked boxing. Mission im-possible. The BBC, like the res is the prime sustainer of boxing. There was something bizarre about the exercise

John Rodda damned the obsession with knock-out punches. Cue in a plenitude of KOs (including young Bruno getting his lumps from Bonecrusher Smith). He hymned the supreme defensive skills of Muhammed Ali. No pictures of the shambling, slurring relic left today. He spoke scornfully of the second-rate fodder served up to promote whizz-kid champions on the way up. He forgot the young Joe Louis or Marclano and their Bum-of-the-Month clubs. He implied that death in the ring was a new phenomenon. Does anybody remember the world title slaughter of Benny Paret or the flowers on Johnny Owen's sion ever trawl graphically among the unknown legions of the punch drunk, the truly dazed and confused?

John Rodda doesn't see it like that, for his is a nobler realm of fitness and dedication He sincerely believes in a golden age. I sincerely don't think it ever existed. Fewer boys from the back streets are boxers today because their streets (and straits) are not as mean as they used to be. Pop groups and the lottery are ther routes from poverty. Black Americans and Hispan-ics from the ghettoes have taken over their arenas, pitting desperation against the danger of scrambled wits. By those lights, for Britain, decline at the roots is good news: repeat, great news. Abolition by apa-thy. And if TV would get the ge, it would happen a damned sight sooner than that.



Jilly Cooper's steamy new novel is about passion in the orchestra pit. Musician ANTHONY BATEMAN reveals how close it is to the reality

If music be the food of love

HAT effect does music's alleged amatory power have on those professional composers, conductors, and musicians who in their daily lives are exposed to an excess of it? Judging by Jilly Cooper's new novel Appas-sionata, a tale of love and lust in the ranks of the Rutminster Symphony Orchestra, there is no question of a surfeit of music leading to a sickening of sexual appetite. In order to penetrate the

vell of mystery that surrounds the backstage world of symphonic music, Cooper has certainly done her research. She acknowledges the assistance of a long list of professional musicians, some of whom it seems, were asked rather pe culiar questions by the author: "Could you bonk a small woman on a glocken-spiel?"or "Would tear stains devalue a Strad?" Cooper dedi-cates the novel to the Royal Scottish National Orchestra which she joined on foreign tours, to Spain and Switzer-land, So although her fiction has never been famed for sume that Appassionata does bear some resemblance to the

The world of classical music may at first sight seem like an unlikely setting for Cooper's brand of raunchy fiction. After all, the formality, even downright stuffiness that pervades the atmosphere of the concert hall, creates, and reinforces the impression that the musicians on stage, dressed in formal evening dress redolent of the last century, are upright servants of their art: somewhat anachronistic. strait-laced and hence curlously non-sexual. Yet at the same time there is a view of musicians as jet-setting ar-tistes living extraordinary Bo hemian lives, unfettered by the restraints of convention and hence prone to sensual excess, a perception that likens them more to pop musicians. As John Gay, the author and

librettist of The Beggars Opera, wrote in the 18th century: "Musicke might tame and civilise wild beasts, but tis evident it never could tame and civilise musicians. Writers long before Cooper have been drawn to the fascinating interface of music and sex. In The Kreutzer Sonata, Tolstoy explored the idea that music is morally corrupting; Pozdnischeff, the anti-hero of the story, believes that passionate music such as that of Beethoven stirs emotions that are inappropriate to a conventional social environment: "Take that Kreutzer Sonata. for instance, how can that first presto be played in a drawing-room among ladies in low-necked dresses?... An awak-ening of energy and feeling unsuited both to the time and

Musical creativity and strong sexual urges (often of an aberrant sort) go hand in hand

place to which no outlet is

fully." To prove the point, a performance of the work by his wife and a smooth-talking violinist of whom he is insanely jealous drives Pozdnis cheff to a crime passionel.

This view that music has the potential to corrupt was hared by Proust who referred to Faure's Romances Sans Paroles as the kind of music, "a pederast might hum when rapng a choirboy".

Things may be rosy for Cooper's characters, but for some fictional musicians their chosen instruments prove a curse to their love lives as the sexually frustrated protago-nist of Patrick Süskind's play The Double Bass admits: "If you're alone with a woman, it stands there, looming over you. If you get intimate, it watches. You always have the

feeling it's laughing at you, so you get all self-conscious," The French horn seems to be a better bet for aspiring Casanovas: in George Bernard Shaw's Ser-enade, the narrator learns the instrument in order to serenade the object of his desire. Although unimpressed by his rendition of Schubert, she somewhat implausibly mistakes his playing for the sing ing of a rival suitor and even

tually grants him her affection But if Shaw's story seems rather tame, it is impossible to listen to classical music with quite the same degree of rever-ence after reading Basil Howitt's scrupulously researched and highly reveal-ing Love Lives Of The Great Composers, published by Sound and Vision last October. This book shows that one sical creativity and strong ses

ual urges (often, it would seem, of an aberrant sort) go hand in hand. Even so, it is a surprise to learn that Haydn, the venerable father of the symphony and the string quartet, was "a notorious womaniser in his youth!" Less surprising, given Peter Shaffer's portrayal of the comletter from Mozart to his wife Constanze written towards the end of a long foreign tour: "Prepare your dear and loveli-

est nest very daintily, for my

write he is crawling on to the

little piece has really earned

it. Imagine that rascal, as I

table and looking at me questioningly, but I smack him down properly . . . I can hardly keep the villain in his place." Nothing in Cooper's Appassionata is quite as titillating s the sordid details of the love lives of these musical icons Composer Jean-Baptiste Lully was a compulsive pederast; Gesualdo, the great madrigal ist, a sado-masochistic bisexual and wife-murderer, and

with a penchant for frilly underwear. Few composers before the 30th century, it seems, escaped the ravages of venereal infec-tions: even Beethoven,

Wagner à notorious adulteres

through "knee tremblers in the Prater or ruttings up backalleys or in sordid rooms contracted gonorrhoea. Most salacious of all, however, was Gaetano Donizetti, who was summed up by a contempo-rary thus: "His talent is great, but even greater is his fecundity. which is exceeded only by rabbits." Howitt also sug-

composers, inseparable from the creative process; sexual excess is linked to an excess of reative musical talent. This may well have been true of Leonard Bernstein, who was torn between the competing claims of heterosexuality and homosexuality, both of which he practised with passionate clan. Later in

gests that such forms of sexual behaviour were, for these

life, when he decided to "come out", he shocked a journalist Jean-Baptiste Lully was a pederast; Wagner

had a penchant for

frilly underwear

by singing "Ev rybody out of the closet" to a theme from Tchaikovsky's fifth symphony. By comparison, the witty aphorisms of Sir Thomas Beecham seem temperate. Beecham was at his most acerbic when referring to women: once, during a rehearsal, he addressed a lady cellist with the now famous words, "Madam, you have be-tween your legs an instrument capable of giving plea-sure to thousands — and all you can do is scratch it." Always a touch misogynistic, Beecham believed that women musicians gave their best per formances lying down.

Such anecdotes provide colour to musical mythology. Likewise, although Cooper travelled for three years with British orchestras in the course of her research, inevitably Appassionata blurs the reality of musical life. (Indeed, Cooper admits that musicians who read through the manu-script "said they had never come across an orchestra who

hehaved quite so badly"). Financial pressures dictate that British orchestras work like stink compared to their European and American counterparts. London orches-tras in particular live a bectic life, an unstable peripatetic existence of one night stands in hotels around the world. Strains on marriages are ine-itable, as one member of the London Philharmonic Orche tra testifies: "The music business isn't a good business to marry into." The orchestra it evitably becomes a large (and incestuous) family that dominates the lives of its members at the expense of their home lives. What may seem superfi cially like a glamorous lifestyle is actually gruelling, claustrophobic, stressful and unsettled.

romantic, pandering to a Mills and Boon readership, Alice McVeigh — herself a profes-sional musician — is often life in an orchestra. One of her characters sums it up: "Where else, other than in a dramatic company, is one forced on the road for long stretches of time herded into coaches, planes and hotels like so many cattle dead in the end to everything except the passage of work and time? Outsiders wonder that we are driven to affairs, to alcohol, even to suicide. To astonishment I feel is that some members of every or-chestra escape all these fates scape even disillusion and despair. The amazement really is that some of us survive intact, year after frac-tious year, both as individual: and, more rarely, family

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members.'

Reviews

POP

Everything But The Girl Bristol, Anson Room

RACEY Thorn and Ben Watt of Everything But The Girl have spent most of their careers being prema-turely old. Even fresh from Hull University in the early eighties, they were sedate down to their cardigans. Silken-throated Tracey and impassive, acoustic-guitared Ben were perhaps the only young indie group to cover Cole Porter songs, and mean it. Their smooth, mildly jezzy pop is for couples like themselves — thirtysomethings who don't like rave music but aren't ready for slippers and Clapton. They so neatly straddle the boundary between taste and hotel-lounge naff that they receive the distinction of air-

play on Radios I *and* 2. Last summer, their longtime record company declined to record company declined to pick up their option. That will go down as one of pop's classic had decisions, for EBTG had just discovered dance music,

and their final single for the label sold a million copies. On the first night of their tour, the song in question, Missing, didn't surface till they'd run through nearly their entire new album. By then you were dumbstruck by the cavalcade of dance beats that had preceded it. When Thorn and Watt get their teeth into something, they do it thoroughly. The finitering house rhythm of Missing was complemented by itchy jungle breakbeats and sultry trip-hop (Thorn contributed to Massive Attack's last LP).

But, jungle fixation or no, the Girl are still the most soporific act in town. The contrast between Thorn's cashmere languor and the machine made rhythms carried the first half of the show; then it dawned that the singer's halfformed murmurings were not going to change tempo. Watt chivvied his partner a bit by cranking up the beats, but to little avail. Thorn, to be

energy upwards so his body is quivering, poised for flight. This exquisite vocabulary of contrast is partly achieved by

he impressive, shapely con-

trol of the two dancers. It's also created by Michael Hulls's lighting which alternately tests the dancers into solid bronze or dissolves their limbs

into pure air and light. Hulls's lighting also creates a shifting frame for the move-

ment, carving the stage into geometries of light and dark. Sometimes these divide the dancers into separate terri-

stere marriage of movement

and light is wonderful. But in passages where Maliphant and De Maria improvise together the work slightly sags. It's not just that their roly-poly lifts

and balances are mostly rou-tine contact manoeuvres but

togetherness looks wimpish

work's highest aspirations.

compared to the tautness of the

Judith Mackrell

that their almost fumbled

tory, sometimes they re brought together in a single lit space. In these sections the

fair, just isn't a shouter, but she labours under the delusion make a show.

Caroline Sullivan

DANCE

Spring Loaded/ Unapoken

The Place, London

HEN we think of the great gravity-defying thrills of dance, we tend to picture dancers turn-ing multiple fouettées on a sixing multiple foliations of a soc-pence or cutting through space in a flying jetë. But in Unspo-ken, a new duet by Russell Maliphant and James De Maria, we're shown another movement that ripples with delicacy through powerful male limbs, that lifts big men's

bodies as lightly as breeze bil-lowing through silk. De Maria torques himself into a huge backward spiral but, just as he's falling, his momentum stalls and begins gently eddying through his arms and chest — mysteri-ously he's levitated back to standing. Maliphant plunges into a deep leg bend but then checks himself, sending his

CLASSICAL Winterreise

Lyric, Hammersmith

CHUBERT'S Die Winterreise is the greatest of all song cycles and the most memorable performances — by Pischer-Dieskau or Peter Schreier — are so all-encompassing that they leave no space for visual glosses or ex-pansion. The whole idea of When she is not being a dramatising this winter journey of the soul, of making ex-plicit what is implicit in its

> The selling point of this stag-ing by the Parls-based Opera Comique is the involvement of the artist Christian Boltanski, who shares the credits with the director Hans-Peter Cloos and the lighting designer Jean Kalman. It is Boltanski's first venture into theatre, and he uses a clutter of everyday ob-jects to create a range of metaphors and allusions which veer between the obvious and the unexplained. A back pro-

deceptively simple texts,

jection furnishes images of a train journey through a cen-tral European landscape; the song Der Lindenbaum pro-vokes the appearance of a shower cubicle, its curtains pulled back to reveal a hanging men. There's a dancer, Bry-gida Ochaim, who spends much of her time entwined in the legs of the piano, and iden-tical twins Leslaw and Waclaw Janicki who appear through trap doors, create menacing stihouettes and in the final. beartbreaking section, rum-

mage through suitcases At the centre of the activity is the tenor Martyn Hill, together with the planist the songs is carefully enunclated and thoroughly musical but limited in its emotional ambition and shading. It epito nises what might cruelly be called the English choral tradi-tion of lieder singing, well-mannered and expressively constricted — though perhaps in this context, his neutrality

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THEATRE The Meeting

Birmingham Rep Studio

ECRETLY, in a hotel room, Martin Luther King and Malcolm X meet. So what do the high priest of passive, non-violent resistance and the prophet of violent revolution do? They arm-wrestle. The fictional clash in American Jeff Sta son's play (getting its British premiere here) is a peg for a ding-dong debate between the militant and the moderate. Such is the skill of the writer performers (Karl Collins and George Eggay) and director Jeffery Kissoon that equal conviction is given to both ides. The conclusion seems to be that both are equally necessary — and equally doomed.

Preceding this short, taut, naturalistic play of words and ideas is a Nublan night, in which the drumming, dancing and martial art of Hamzah Muhammad's masked Ko-Zimba Ngoma (theatre of the spirit of the young lion) blend into Visions Of Youth, written and directed by Felix Cross. Cross's more stylised debate — this time set in Britain — is between a comfortable Gospel momma (hooked on train timetables), a smoulder ing feline militant and a drum mer who's happy with a bit of goatskin between his legs. Somehow the evening fuse

the differing styles and ap-proaches to theatre into a coherent whole that explores burning issues with fervour, intelligence, humour and as tonishing physical skill. Until March 23 (0121 236 4455)

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Why is the whole nation up in arms about Peter Hobday?

Here Today, gone tomorrow

Radio

Anne Karpf

MITHE only person in the country that doesn't give a fig who presents Radio 4's Today programme? It would seem so from the past three weeks' media outpourings following the non-renewal of Peter Hobday's contract. One newspaper even aunched a "Save Hobday" campaign, decrying John Humphries as too abrasive and imes Naughtie as too oquacious, while Sue Mac-Gregor and Anna Ford were written off as, respectively, too headgirlish and too rich to make decent presenters.

Why do people care so
much? Certainly, the present-

ers' personality to some extent sets the tone of a programme. But by now the Today programme is more than just the chirpiness of Naughtie, or Hobday's asides about his camellia: its agenda (still largely Westminster-driven and politician-heavy) is what iistinguishes it, whoever is on mike. Those who want a differ ent feel can tune in to Radio 5 Live's The Breakfast Programme, co-fronted by the nicely dry Peter Allen, where



Hobday: a symbolic victim

the stories are shorter and pacier, the style chattier and less middle-class, and the newsreader sounds like Teresa Gorman. But the row about Hobday

has other resonances. Hobday has been discussed as if be were both symptom and symbol of something stirring in the heart of Britain. His blazer and-golf persona has been lovingly delineated and his avuncularity stressed, as if he were an Uncle Mac for the late nineies presiding over the nation's toast and tea. As with the rows over Anderson Country and Paul Gambaccini he has become a template for the sense of disorientation felt by the middle-classes. He is

being made to stand for an older, kinder Britain. Those who complain about the harp, unforgiving interviewing tone of his colleagues forget that you can't bave the oldstyle courteous interview without the old-style politican and the current cohort of parliamentarians are as slippery you're likely to find. Different courses require different Indeed, the complainers

ignore the ways that most ordinary people talk about politicians - with at best contempt more usually venom. You can't have too vast a chasm rogate politicians and how the rest of us regard them or the programme will float off into the ether. The broadcasters al-

ready share the politicians'

agenda far too much. The powerful feelings engendered by the Hobday busines are also connected with the role that radio plays in our lives. It's a medium so threaded into people's diurnal patterns that they sometimes confuse the two, muddling the sanctity of their breakfast with the sanctity of the Today programme. It's the middleclass equivalent of those soap opera viewers who confuse the actors with the characters they

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The elegant grandmother (above) is Mrs Knittel. But as Luise Rainer (right) she is also a double Oscarwinner. RONALD BERGAN tells the extraordinary story of the woman for whom Brecht wrote The **Caucasian Chalk Circle**

The double life of Luise

She's all light and galety; but if une catches her unavare, one Mes a trayic face. One jeels the luminousness, and at the same time this tragic feeling, a mysterwus dual character. Henry Miller

tel brought unexpected rewards. Mrs Knit el is a small, lelegant, grey-haired 86-year-old widow, who lives in a large, beautifully furnished flat near Stoame Square. She had been blissfully married to the publisher Rob-

ert Knittel for over 40 years. They travelled extensively and Mrs Knittel was determined to have a photograph of her husband and herself taken in front of the Taj Mahal, that monument to lovers, before his death of cancer in 1989. She showed me the photograph and the many original pictures on the walls, including a Munch, couple of Degas sketches, and some of her own extremely

accomplished paintings. Suddenly, I noticed two Jolden Oscar statuettes standing unobtrusively on top of a bookshelf. They seemed out of place among the tasteful surroundings On close inspection, I saw that they were genuine, having been presented to the German-born actress Luise Rainer for The Great Ziegfeld in 1936 and The Good

Earth in the following year. that her fame rested on the fact that she became the first actress to win an Oscar in Successive years, a feat only equalled by Katharine Hepburn. Then, in film writer David Thomson's words. Rainer's career "crumbled so completely afterwards, that they (the Oscars) might have been voodog idols

After only a handful of Hollywood films, she seen had been the fastest rise and fall of any star.

I looked round to see that Mrs Knittel had suddenly turned into Luise Rainer. I recognised the same woman described by Henry Miller and the intense and lively dark eyes that shone from the screen over half a century ago.

Discounting her age, Rainer is so full of energy — contin-ually jumping up and down to show me various letters and photos - that I (considerably younger) was left exhausted. She has been busy writing her memoirs in longhand for some years and has produced 200 pages, which has only taken her up to her 22nd year because, she claimed. "There is so much to say."

I wondered what there could cossibly be to say of general interest besides those three years of glory at MGM. She evealed, almost en passant, that the German expressionist playwright Ernst Toller had een in love with her, Bertolt Brecht had written The Cauca sian Chalk Circle for her, Federico Fellini had begged her to be in La Dolce Vita and that Anals Nin had been infatuated by her.

Though, in cold print, these remarks might read like the distorted and vainglorious memories of an old lady, they were spoken without a trace of

the theory of relativity, I

doting grandmother, and

Elaborating in a fluent English, Rainer said, "Toller was nothing to me but a man. was in my teens, and his fame didn't mean anything to me. But I had no room for him because there were so many other men in love with me at

A decade later, Anais Nin was writing: "She is white, delicate and floating . . . the essence of femininity . . . a flame who would have been loved by Arnaud ... no one, no one can be as Luise Rainer is, a magician casting enchantments.

Nin and Rainer became confiding sisters but, according to the latter, the relationship became too intense. "I didn't like the crazy way in which she identified herself with me. You see, I'm not a lesbian at all. I love women, and I have many women friends, but I'm

At the time, Rainer had just divorced the celebrated radica American playwright Clifford Odets after three stormy years of marriage. "There was a great beauty to Odets, but he was intensely jealous of my success and the men I was working with," she declared He wanted to have me to himself. I never should have mar-ried Cliff because he was not someone who should have been married to anybody. Our marriage was disastrous, although as far as he was able

he loved me very much."

HAT was this extraor dinary attraction Rainer seemed to have for so many? Perhaps it was an ethereal quality, combined with an elfin beauty, intelligence and independence Although her German-Amer can businessman father and pianist mother were cultured people, they were horrified when Luise became an actres taking the leading role in Frank Wedekind's then-shocking *Spring Awakening* in Dússeldorf. Thereafter she appeared in a number of

productions with the legendary

Max Reinhardt's company. In 1933, she was in a producer's office in Berlin, and happened to look out of the window. "I saw a fire, and I realised that the Reichstag was burning. I

was furious when the producer sald. You have no right being interested in that. Politics shouldn't interest you. You're Not long after an MGM (a). ent scout found her performing in a Viennese rep production of An American Tragedy, and she was signed to a seven-year contract. Two idle months elapsed in Hollywood before

MGM could figure out how to use her. Then, one day as Rainer was walking her dog along the beach, she met Anita Loos who told her that the studio was looking for some one to replace Myrna Loy as a Viennese girl opposite William Powell in Escapade (1935). It made her a star.

Her new-found status triggered her first clash with studio boss Louis B Mayer. Always determined to get her own way, Rainer wanted to take a small role in the new William Powell picture, The Great Ziegfeld, "Your first film made you a star. I don't want you to be in a film where you'r out of it when it's half over." Vlayer insisted "But there's this little scene

I think I can do something

This "little scene" — which Mayer ordered out after the first previews but later restored - was the telephone

with" she told him.

scene in which she calls her ex-husband Florenz Ziegfeld to congratulate him on his new marriage. To everyone's surprise, it won her the Best Actress award and established her as an expert exponent of the laughter-throughtears school of acting. "I wrote the scene myself" Rainer stated. "though I stole it from

Cocteau's La Voix Humaine. The following year, she made an exceptional jump from piaying a glamorous and sophisticated woman to the downtrodden little Chinese peasant in *The Good Earth*. pased on Pearl S Buck's Pulit zer Prize-winning novel. Impressive as Rainer was as the long-suffering O Lan there seemed little chance that she would win an Oscar the second

ear running. Rainer was content to stay at home in her pyjamas on awards night. However, at 8.35pm the names of the winners were given to the press, and she was rung and told she had won. Quickly changing into evening dress she dashed downtown with her husband. On the way, she and Odets

were having a terrific row. She

was in tears by the time they

rather grandly to read aloud it sounded. "Two pages!" I said. "Absolutely not!"
He replied, 'Elizabeth

With an unusually relaxed Albert Einstein, one of the many greats she knew at the height of her success in the 1930s

got to the Bilimore Hotel and had to walk around the build-

ing five times before she had

in and make her acceptance speech, her hair uncombed.

calmed down sufficiently to go

By the time the next Academy Award ceremony came around, both her marriage and

er career in films were almost at an end. "They didn't know what to do with me. It was diffcult because I made very high

demands on them as well as

Rainer walked around

our. She also infurlated the

who would listen how much she disliked the movies, echo-lng the sentiments of Odets,

who later wrote that most

scathing of anti-Hollywood plays, The Big Knife.

Neither was Rainer pre-

to her, "Why don't you sit on

your contract the way the other girls do?" The flery

Rainer told him to throw her

contract in the garbage, "We

made you and we're going to kill you." he roared. She replied "God made me, and

ou can't kill a talent," But

Mayer pretty near managed it. "Mayer put me on a black

list. He had the power to stop

me working for other studios

she remarked. "So I fled to Nev

York in disgust, I would have

stayed if I had been given bet-

ter roles. There was one I espe cially would have liked —

Maria in For Whom The Bell Toils — I knew Hemingway and I had worked for the Loyal

N 1943, before leaving

Leon Feuchtwanger

brought Brecht to her

beach and he said he'd like to write a play for her. She sug-

gested an adaptation of *Der* Kreiderkreis (The Chalk Cricle) by A H Klabund, based on a

hinese tale. The playwright

"Brecht had no money so I

got a Broadway producer to pay him while he was writing

d. I went away to the war in

North Africa and Italy, where

was made an honorary lieuten

ant in the US army, and when

returned some months later.

Brecht had written only two

pages of what was to be The Caucasian Chalk Circle. The

"When I went to Brecht's partment in New York, it was

like a French farce, girls pop-

ning in and out of every door.

didn't want to touch, asked me

me of a spider, something I

recht, who always reminded

producer was distraught.

was delighted.

Hollywood, the novellst

house in California, They

went for a walk along the

ist cause in Spain.

my lap when we're discussing

Bergner would be on her knees pefore me to play this part." I told him I thought he had behaved outrageously towards the producer, taking his money and never delivering. What's more," I said, "I don't want to do your play and I don't want anything more to

myself. I was miserable about what I had to do." do with you. Soon after this incident, Luise Rainer would become concealed by Mrs Knittel, who Hollywood in slacks, wearing no make up, her hair in disar-ray at the height of 1930s glambrought up a daughter, and kept out of the public eye. But studio bosses by telling anyone the actress issued forth from time to time, portraying Joan of Arc in both the George Bernard Shaw and the Maxwell Anderson plays (she still favours cropped hair), The Lit-tie Foxes in Vienna in the 1960s and touring the USA in Enoch pared to accept the method of negotiating her salary offered by Mayer. The mogul once said

Arden in the 1980s. In 1958, Rainer was in Rome where Luchino Visconti had invited her to the Eleonora Duse centenary to do an extract from A Doll's House, when Fellini asked her to appear in a scene in *La Doice*Viia, "I need your poetic face,

Fellini told her. Rainer agreed to play in a scene she would write herself. It was a very hot summer, and I sat around for ages waiting for my scene to be shot. Eventually, they got round to

inding the location At this point Mrs Knittel interrupted the anecdote to ex plain that she was reluctant to use foul language, but Luise Rainer prevailed: "Federico said, 'Look, Luise, Marcello has got to fuck you.' I was as-tonished. 'Tm sorry, Federico, but the scene I wrote, that you approved, was against his whoring around. It was the

last straw, I decided to get out. The evening I was to leave come, Fellini approached me in a crowded Via Veneto where he got down on his knees and pleaded, 'Pleas Luise, you cannot so.' When I ck to London, I was bornbarded by telegrams imploring

me to return. As if to allay any doubts I was shown these remarkable begging cables from the estro. It was obvious that these pleased Luise Rainer more than the Oscars. "Winning them meant very little to me. I never even wanted them on the shelf. My husband asked me to display them,

because they mean a lot to other people." Ironically, the two statuttes, that she dismissed so lightly, are what Luise Rainer will be most remembered for. However, I suspect that Mrs Knittel is rather proud of them. Ronald Bergan is currently working on a television pro-gramme about Luise Raine

Hand in hand with the Nazis

PAUL WEBSTER on revelations of wartime collaboration by some of France's greatest film stars

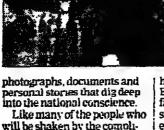
ENOVATION of the multi-storey Berlitz building on the boulevard des Italiens in Paris is nearing com pletion but even a change of incade and modernisation will not disguise its chilling past as the venue for the 1941 exhibition, Le Juif en France.

Trus crude propaganda show was dominated by a gigantic poster of a Shylock igure clawing at a world globe drawn by the most talented film poster designer of the period, René Péron, Inside, one of the main themes attacked "the masters of French cinema", Jewish producers, blamed for perverting

French values and taste. By then, most had emigrated or taken refuge in the Free Zone and it was impossible for Jew-ish actors or technicians to get Jobs, or even manage cinemas because of the Jewish Statute which isolated the community in October 1940. But the condemnation of Jewish influenc did not cause even a ripple of protest in the industry itself which had been working han in hand with its German counterpart since the early Nazi era.

Undeterred by the racial persecution of some of the brightest on the French screen, stars like Fernande and Arietty and creators like Henri-Georges Clouzot and Sacha Guitry profited from th war to embance their reputations

While the broader areas of the film world's collaboration have been documented, the extent remained secret until a contemporary producer and publisher, Rene Chateau, published a 528-page lavishly illustrated investigation. Le Cinema sous l'Occupation. It took him 20 years to accumulate



will be shaken by the compliance, cowardice or cupidity of national heroes — Charles Trenet, Tino Rossi, Jean Mar-ais and Louis Jourdan among others - who went on to dom: nate post-war cinema, Mr Chateau was himself a victim of a highly-successful propaganda campaigm.

"I was born in 1910 and brought up on post-war films and comic strips that portrayed a France defiant." he said. "It wasn't until 1968 that I read a book which proved that French police led the round-up of Jews in the Grande Kafle in 1942 It was a violent shock." His work as a producer and

his friendship with Jean-Paul Belmondo, whose sculptor father. Paul. joined a Nazısponsored trip to Berlin. enabled him to collect photographs considered in 1942 to be too provocative to be released to a French public anxious about the fate of 1 5 million presoners of war. One picture (above) shows the period's most glamorous female stars Danielle Darrieux, Suzy Delair, Viviane Romance and Junie Astor — the Adjanis and Hupperts of their day — with German officers in Berlin in

Many stars had been work-ing in Berlin up to a few weeks before the war, untroubled by Hitler's dictatorship, and were later regular visitors to receptrons at the German embassy

March 1942.

in Paris. Many of the women were accused of "horizontal collaboration" with German officers, an allegation which inspired Arletty's defence that her heart was French but her

cunt was international Although Joseph Goebbels personally masterminded Gernan production of French films, the motivation was the accumulation of foreign currency rather than propaganda. according to Mr Chateau. For the same reason, a well-established German producer. Alfred Greven, was put in charge of a new company. Continental Films in Paris in 1940. that produced 30 of the 220 films during the Occupation. reinforcing the position of stars like Pierre Fresnay and

Louis Jouvet, while helping to

create a new generation of directors following the exile of pre-war leaders like Jean Renoir and René Clair.

"There is a legend that Goebbels forced French film-makers to turn out popular ruboish, but Continental financed some of the most brilliant of all French films that are continually reshown on television." Mr Chateau said, "Six of the finest are to be aired again next month. But there was a concentration on safe subjects like historical dramas and there were a handful of pictures made in support of the Pétathist crusade for a return

However, audiences were exposed to second-feature antilewish or anti-Freemason dociumenturies still considered so

ensitive that they cannot be viewed.

Only a handful of actors like Jean Gabin, Jean-Paul Aumont and Robert Lynen, who joined the Free French (Lynen was executed), emerg with credit from a book full of bizarre anecdotes. Marshal Pétain was given private pre-views of the best films, falling sleep during Marcel Carné's Les Visiteurs du Soir and celebrating D-Day by watching a Christian-Jacque version of Carmen, starring Jean Marais

There is also an investigation into the mysterious death of Harry Baur, the highest paid French actor, and the only one to star in an important film shot in wartime Germany. He died soon after being inter-

rogated by the Gestapo over

Danielle Darrieux (centre right) and other French stars with the military in Berlin

allegations that he had hidden his Jewish origins and insulted the Führer by shaking his hand. Mr Chateau also reveals

what may be the most extraor dinary location work of all time, the filming of Mermoz about the aviation pioneer played by a debutant lookalike called Robert-Hugues Lambert in November 1943. Arrested and interned for homosexual-ity, he was replaced for the final sequences by a stand-in, but Lambert's voice was recorded through the barbed wire of the Drancy concentration camp near Paris before he was sent to die in Germany. Apart from a few spectacular cases — Arletty, Guitry, Ginette Leclerc and Robert Le

Vigan — the Liberation purge passed without disturbing the French cinema world. In 1940, it had passed smoothly from anti-German films to implicit support for Nazi priorities, and in 1944, it belatedly joined the Resistance movement. In December that year, Vive la liberté, the first film about the Maquis, was shot in the Boulogne studios in the Paris suburb. It starred Jean Darcante who, in 1941, dubbed July Suss, a German anti-Semitic production shown throughout the Occupation to huge audiences.



The critic who created himself

ALE Harris, who has died of Aids aged 67, was a selfeducated, indeed self-created man. Born into a Jewish working-class family in Hackney, east London, h became a leading figure in the cultural life of New York — a feared and respected critic, a popular teacher, and a star

He grew up in Dagenham and went to Hackney Downs School, a half-hour hus ride away. (In a school production, he played Lady Macduff to Harold Pinter's Macbeth.) His first experience of a more cul-tivated life than existed at home came during the second world war when the school was evacuated to King's Lynn, Norfolk, where the pu-pils lived in an 18th-century house. A quick learner, Harris soon absorbed the virtues of a world where people made conversation at meal-times — "for me, an unimaginable luxury and refinement; I'd never glimpsed the possibility of such a life."

He left school at 16, having scraped through the School Certificate. There was no pos-sibility of any formal higher education. Instead, he edu-cated himself in the galleries of theatres and opera houses, in museums and concert halls, cinemas and libraries. He soon dropped his first given name, Stanley. From 1947-49 he did his national ser

vice in the Royal Navy. A second turning point came in 1952 when, his fare paid by a cousin, he emigrated to the United States For two years he worked at the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publish ers in New York, and would no doubt have had a successful career there had he not been called up into the US army in 1963. All attempts to avoid military service were in vain; the authorities refused to believe that he was homosexual, and after the grueiling weeks of basic training, he was shipped to Europe. There he was the only army person at Air Force HQ in Germany, where he was given the job of teaching lliterate GIs to read and

hitch rides on Air Force planes to wherever there was an important festival: Bayreuth, Salzburg, Vienna, Munich, and Edinburgh, where he became a familiar figure. This was only one way in which being drafted into the army turned out to be the

Weekend Birthdays

YOU know an actress has be-

come an icon when she starts

getting cast as herself. When Isabelle Huppert (right) starred in Hal Hartley's Ama-

was written as an amaigam of her earlier roles in films by

Harley's heroes from the French *auteur* tradition: Mau-

rice Pialat, Agnés Varda and

selected every role with its po-tential mythic status in mind.

It is as if Huppert has

She can celebrate her 41st

birthday today safe in the knowledge that her choosing

has paid dividends. Her latest

performance, as an unhinged

postmistress in Claude Cha-

brol's La Cérémonie, has met

with universal acclaim and

now we await her first British stage appearance in the title

role of Schiller's Mary Stuart

which opens at the National

seemed vague, thrown to the

But the definition still left vast

Her later roles, as a strike

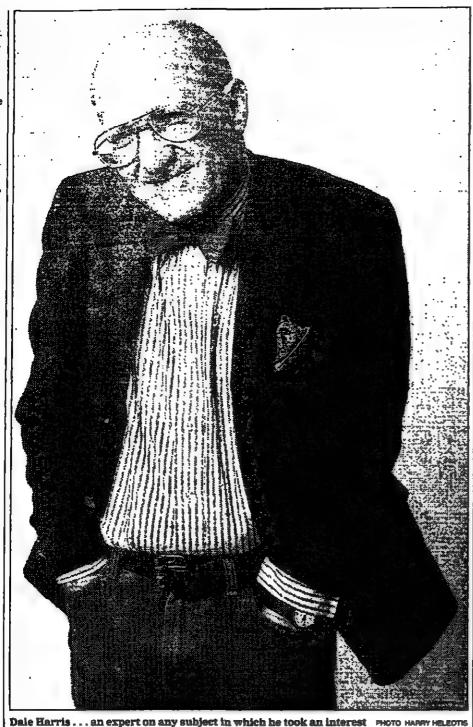
winds," says Godard, "Very quickly she defined herself.

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lean-Luc Godard.

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Dale Harris . . . an expert on any subject in which he took an interest PHOTO I

most important event in his life thus far. On his release in 1955, Harris took advantage of the GI Bill and completed his formal education. After a year at Columbia University, he transferred to Harvard, graduating with distinction from the class of 1958. Not only did Harvard establish him in the academic world, it

rough in Pialat's Loulou, or as

Emma in Chabrol's Modame

Bovary, have further defined

Today's other birthdays: Mat-

thew Bannister, controller, Radio I, 39; Bernardo Berto-

lucci, film director, 55. Joy

Delhanty, geneticist, 59; Sir

tus Waynflete Professor of

Ewart Jones, chemist, Emeri

Chemistry, Oxford, 85; Dr Sir

Anthony Kenny, philoso-pher, chairman, British Li-brary, 65: Jerry Lewis, come

mezzo-soprano. 68: Salim Ma-lik, cricketer, 33; Leo

McKern, actor, 76; Georgina Nayler, chief executive,

National Heritage Memorial Fund, 37; Kate Neiligan, ac-

tress, 45; Roger Norrington, conductor, 62; Margaret

World Confederation for Phys

ical Therapy, 62; Bridget Rowe, editor, the People, 46.

Tomorrow's birthdays: Pat-

rick Allen, actor, 69; Prof John Baines, Egyptologist, 50: Jeff Banks, fashion de

leader in Godard's Passion, the signer, 53; Prof David Dilks, bourgeoise looking for a bit of vice-chancellor, Hull Universi-

O'Hare, secretary general

her as the great modern ac-

tress of the troubled

gave him the entrée to Ameri can society. The process of transformation was complete His first appointment was as instructor in English (late assistant professor) at Stan-ford University in California where in the spring of 1970 he was elected "Red Hot Prof" by

a huge majority of the student

ty, 58; Lesley-Ann Down, ac-

tress, 42; Prof George Hughes, 200logist, 71; Robin

Knox-Johnston, yachtsman, 57; Prof John Lill, concert pl

writer. 68: Mercedes McCambridge, actress, 78: The Most Rev Keith O'Brien, Roman Catholic Archbishop of St An-

drews and Edinburgh, 58; Dr

Sir Raymond Rickett, chair-

Trust, 48; Kurt Russell, actor.

45: Galina Samsova, artistic

director. Scottish Ballet, 59; Brian Sedgemore, Labour

MP. 59: Dr David Stafford-

mer artistic director, Royal

Court Theatre, 55: Michael

Whitaker, showjumper, 36.

Clark, psychiatrist, 80 and his son, Max Stafford-Clark, for-

ademic Awards, 69; Ann Rush, director, Migraine

anist, 52; Penelope Lively.

year be moved back east to become Professor of Literature and Writing at Sarah

Lawrence College in Bronx-ville, New York. He left there on being appointed Professor of Art History and Humanties at Cooper Union in New York City in 1992. A classic workaholic, Har-

ris had in the meantime main-

Tracey Chadwell

RACEY Chadwell, who

aged 36, was one of Brit-

has died from cancer

ain's leading sopranos, pos-sessing an outstandingly

After graduating from the Guildhall School of Music and

Drama in 1961, she sang with

passed the very different fields of recital, oratorio and opera.

he won both the 1986 GXN

English Song Award and the

Soprano Prize of the Great Grimsby International Sing-

In her 10 short years as a

Choir under Sir David Will-

cocks, and with many of the

major orchestras. Her choice of repertoire, as

rell as being extensive, was

recitals with her pianist, Pam-

new music, she commissioned

wide-ranging and imagina-tive, particularly in her solo

ela Lidiard. A champion of

oloist, she sang with the Back

ng Competition.

the BBC Singers for three years before embarking on a

olo career which encom

beautiful and expressive

lectures at the Aletropolitan Museum came about through a chance meeting at a dinner party with Jacqueline Onas sis in 1979; Diana Vreeland had just opened an exhibition of costumes from the Diaghilev ballet at the museum to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the impresario's death, and a conversation on the subject between Harris and Mrs Onassis led her to recommend that he be invited

to give a series of three lec-

tained a busy schedule as critic and lecturer. His first

tures on Diaghilev. By 1995, Harris was giving four lecture series a year, all sell-outs, on cultural history and opera. Two sets of CDs and tapes based on the latter Enjoying Opera and Enjoying Italian Opera, were best-sell-ers. He also lectured at Princeton University. in the education programme at Christie's. New York, at the Fort Worth Modern Art Museum, and for the Opera Leagues of Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle, and the Metropolitan Opera Association in New York. In 1991 he gave the Mo-zart Bicentennial Lecture at the Salzburg Festival. He broadcast reports on music in New York for the Canadian

N Albert Guerard's writing class at Harvard, Har ris began a novel based on his experience of wartime London, Home Fires Burning (which was pubished in 1968), but his most important writing was in the areas of scholarship and

Broadcasting Company and recorded Acousti-guides for

He wrote numerous catalogue essays for art exhibi-tions and was for a while a contributing editor to the magazine Connoisseur. He was also a contributing edito to Saturday Review, writing mostly dance criticism; at the time of his death he was lance critic of the Wall Stree Journal and a music critic for the New York Post. He was a frequent contributor to Ope.a (UK), Opera Canada, and Opera News, and wrote on cultural subjects for the Guardian. Other publication to which he contributed included Architectural Digest Music And Musicians, Ballet News. Ballet Review, Dancing Times, Keynote, the New York Times, the Observer, Sunday Times, and the Sydney Herald Tribune. Throughout his life he

remained an autodidact, be-

coming an expert on any sub-

Jiving women a voice

many pieces, from such com-posers as Elizabeth Maconchy, Nicola Lefanu, David Lums-

daine. Matthew King and my-

self. She also sought out and

romen composers, and ex-

olored the relatively neglected

British repertoire. In 1990, Chadwell was diag-

nosed as having acute myelok leukaemia and spent 10

months in hospital undergo-

ing intensive chemotherapy

Her courage, resilience and

determination enabled her to

return to the concert stage at

the end of 1991 when she sang

I first met her early in the

following year in New Zealand when I was embarking on a

course of chemotherapy. Her

understanding, her readiness

to discuss all aspects of her

illness and her sense of hu-mour helped me immensely

The experience we shared

provided the basis of an endur

ing friendship. When, in 1993,

by all reports, better than

and bone-marrow transplants

performed the music of

rame a notable chef, and on his return to New York gave celebrated dinner parties, invitations to which were highly prized. At one such occasion the prima donna Joan Sutherland persuaded the prima ballerina Alexandra Danilova to belp her carry the Another time, the composer John Cage outraged his host by insisting on going out to buy red wine to drink mstea of the white that Harris had

est. While at Stanford he be-

In later years Harris's round-the-clock schedule of lecturing, teaching, and writ-ing caused him to discontinue these parties. As witty and he was much in demand as an extra man by New York hostesses, and he somehow found time to be an energetic and enterprising leader of cultural tours in Europe and

Performers whose work de-fined his taste included Margot Fonteyn, Kirsten Flagstad, Ethel Merman, Gracie Fields, Beatrice Lillie, Richard Tauber, and Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. From his earliest years as a balletomane he adored the choreon raphy of Frederick Ashton.

Harris and I were unacguainted in London, though we had been present at many of the same performances and even knew some of the same people. When we did finally meet, soon after he came to New York a couple of years after my own arrival, it was as though we had known each other all our lives.

Ashton once said to me that was important to have the kind of friend one could ring up every night, no matter how late. Harris was such a friend not only to myself but to many others. At the time of the onset of his illness, there came numerous revelations concerning his earlier years. about which he had never spoken to me or any other of

is closest friends. Now he said to me, "I've lived a life of deceit," yet the Dale Harris he created was the real Dale Harris, who won the love and devotion of all of us — friends, students, and colleagues — whose lives were immeasurably enriched, and often changed, by know-

David Vaughan

Dale [Stanley] Harris, lecturer ber 16, 1928; died March 14, 1996

she undertook a concert tour of New Zealand, a land she had

After her recovery, Chad-

King's The Snow Queen in per formances given by Jane's Minstrels, and in the role of .

ter journey into the high

well resumed her concert

career singing in Matthew

the Countess in The Opera

Figaro. Her last engagement was probably Messiah, at York, just before Christmas.

and she also sang, virtually sight-reading, Michael Fin-

of the mass at the midnight

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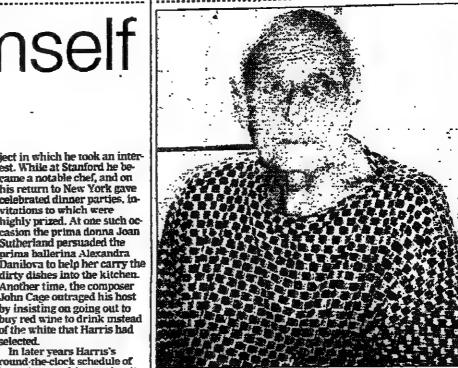
ervice on Christmas Eve at St

Many people will miss her buoyant, ebullient nature, her generosity of spirit and her

Company's Marriage of

country.

Pierre Verger



A cultural chameleon

HE LIFE of Pierre Verger, who has died aged 93, was as extraor-dinary as his photograistocracy, he only started on his epic ethnographic and photographic journey after his mother's death — bidding farewell by burning down the family chateau.

Across the past half-century he created a unique record of religion. Having already en-countered Yoruba culture in thirties west Africa he found its echoes in Bahia, in northast Brazil in the mid-forties. And 50 years later Verger was still declaring himself a novice in candomble, the faith in which he was that rarest of participants, a European ba-balawo (celebrant or father of secrets), having been initiated

in Dahomey in 1952. Verger was the first to observe the inter-relationship be ween the religion of Dahomey (now Benin), and that practised in Brazil He believed that Brazil and Cuba exported tobacco to Dahomey during the 500-year Atlantic slave era, creating an ideological traffic as well. In 1953 he published - The influence Of Bahia On The Gulf Of Benin, further established the published of the published lishing himself as "a messen ger, exchanging the memory of traditions and the practice

cultures. It was in the early thirties that Verger purchased a Rol-leiflex, setting off in 1932 to the South Seas and Tahiti in the wake of Paul Gauguin. "It was ess to discover the world." he observed. "than to discover myself." The young man's journeys celebrated a new in-ternationalism, but were also an attempt to escape the material world. Thus he was in the Soviet Union for the Revolution's lāth anniversary and later in a Cambodian

of ancestral rites between two

monastery with ambitions to become a Buddhist monk. The results of the Pacific journey were included in the 1937 book, South Sea Islands. published in London. The por trait of a young fisherman punting his flatboat became one of his icons — and a gay icon too. The images in that book presage all of Verger's work. There is no inner chronology, each image possessing an equal maturity. Black-and-white, full-length

portraits of unknown people ecame his hallmark. In 1934 a chance encounter led to him travelling for Paris Soir but his work was spiket. He sold some spreads to the Daily Mirror, and was commissioned for Secret London which followed up his fascination with Paris lowlife. The Mirror proceeds financed that 1934 African trip, which trig-

gered his lifelong obsession. The war caught up with him niking in the Andes. Conscripted, he was posted in 1940 to Dakar in French West Africa as an army photographer.

There he photographed plants and people for the Institut Français d'Afrique Nord. Demobilised in 1941, he

moved on to South America and worked in Argentina and northeast Brazil. Bahia's vast plantations and balmy seacoast, that he felt he had come home and a 50-year exploration began. A key part of this journey was categorising more than 3,500 west African plants for

the Institut. Thus did he stumble through a door into other worlds. He found he could only come up with 1,500 and when he looked for local equivalents he found the variations appeared infinite. de pending on stages of growth and application. "It was a different interpretation of lan-guage," he explained.

N his ninetles, he retained the ability to slip between cultures like a chameleon. In Salvador de Bahla, he lived in a favela on the outskirts, refusing even a fan or a radio, dressed in an African shirt, always guarding his red-and-white beads, those of his patron god Xango. In Paris a little hotel on the Rue des Grandes Ecoles kept a room for him with geraniums sprouting in the windowbox There he dressed elegantly with a silk cravat and silver-

topped cane.
The late popularity of his work meant books and videos were published in France. Portugal, Brazil and West Africa. In 1994 he attended the launch of a London exhibition and catalogue of his work. It was full circle, he was back in the city where he had first sold his work. "The most important thing in life," he told me "is neither photography nor writing but simply allow ing myself to live and share with the people with whom I have such empathy."

In this he certainly sucreeded, among his many other achievements.

Amenda Hepkinson

Pierre Verger, photographer and ethnographer, born November 4.

Death Notices

COOK, John James passed as ay peace-hilly on 15th March 1996. Dad to Lesley Juli and Mile latter-in-law to Heatine Pabin and Kovim and granded to Tucki. Natural Cathorine and Robert. Rest in Peach May God blets you. Always in our thoughts. Composition of the American State of the Composition of the Compositio

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Face to Faith

Holinesses in an unholy row

Peter Scorer

OSCOW and Constantinople are at loggerdiction of a small number of Orthodox parishes in Estonia The relationship between the Ecumenical Patriarch, His Ho liness Bartholemew 1 of Constantinople, and His Holiness Aleksy II, Patriarch of Moscow and of all Russia, has deteriorated to the point where the latter no longer prays in the liturgy for his brother in Christ, and communion between the two churches has been suspended.

The reasons behind this undignified squabbling centre on Moscow's refusal to accede to the wishes of a small number of Orthodox parishes in Estonia — 51 out of a total of 83. They no longer want to remain as dependencies of the Russian | ity who are still loyal and being | Church is one of the slowest to

Church, and believe that since their country is independent so should they be. According to tradition, Or-

thodox churches who are outside the territories governed by one of the ancient Paniarchates normally place themselves under Constantinople, whose Patriarch is regarded as senior among equals. The Estonian Orthodox Church is choosing to revert to the status which existed from 1923 to 1941 when Estonia enjoyed a short period of national independence. Moscow, however, regards such a step as an intrusion by Constantinople into its

internal affairs.
The Orthodox in mainly Lutheran Estonia are a tiny minority of about 30,000 concentrated in towns and cities. The majority — both Estorians and Russians — have elector to break with Moscow, a meane-

refused registration by the Estonian authorities. The battle is being fought out in the media with press statements from the Moscow Patriarchate speaking of the oppression of the Russian mi-nority in Estonia and the viola tion of the rights of Orthodox

> under Moscow. In response, Constantinople refers to the suffering of the Estonian people during the Soviet era. and of the enforced reincorpo-ration of the Estonian Orthodox into the Russian Church in 1945. Both sides accuse each other of expansionism. spheres of interest, and of the great sin of "phyletism", the placing of national interests above those of the Church. As an organisation con-

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draw 76 years by the KGB, the

leadership of the Russian

believers who w<u>ish</u> to re<u>main</u>

discard the Soviet mindset. Isolationism, secretiveness, and a highly centralised power structure do not mix well with the new chaotic democracy, religious freedom and openness of Russian society. Like so many, the Church

seems to have a nostalgia for the recent past which seemed were clearly defined roles. This sense of loss in the country has led to a resurgence of communism, nation-alism and isolationism. Political parties of all shades woo the Orthodox faithful.

There is a terrible danger that a schism might develop which could lead the Russian Church to cut itself off from the rest of the Christian world, including its sister churches. and become the religious focus for national extremists. A small number of reformers and liberals in the Russian Church would also become marginalised. Involvement in the ecumenical movement and the World Council of Churches which was encouraged by the Soviets — has become less popular in recent years, yet

Constantinople is keen to de-fend its traditional role after many centuries in which the Patriarchate has found itself severely restricted. It was hos tage to the Muslim Ottoman Empire and for 50 years after the second world war Constan tinople found itself powerless to counter the Russian Church as it expanded its territorial and jurisdictional claims with

the aid of Soviet military might. Any Orthodox believers in Eastern Europe and the Baltic States who survived persecution under communism. were forced to acknowledge Moscow's authority. When is a schism not a

schism? There is no difference in all matters of doctrine and liturgical practice between

in terms of ecclesiology a logi-cal absurdity. Moscov has broken with Constantinople, but is in communion with most other Orthodox churches which are themselves still in communion with Constantinople. This is a problem which the Orthodox Church will have to address. It is patently ridicu-lous for one church to break

tinople. The recent situation is communion with another merely for the sake of what could be seen as an argument over some property Moscow might lose in Estonia. We must hope and pray that this rift will soon be healed.

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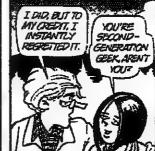
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Money Guardian

Love it or hate it, European monetary union will mean rich pickings for some -as MARK MILNER reports

A licence to print money

is an article of faith. For security print-ers, graphic designers and scrap metal merchants, however, European monetary union means opportunity with a capital O.

Take security printers. Someone will have to print the Euro banknotes that will be needed when the single cur-

*URO-SCEPTICS hate | rency comes into effect. That it. To the federalist, it | someone will have a lot of printing to do, too. At the end of 1994, according to the Euro-pean Monetary Institute, the number of bank notes in circu lation was a staggering 12 billion. Replacing them should keep the presses roll-ing for a day or two. Mints, too, will make, well,

a mint. In addition to the 12 billion bank notes, the

European Union's citizens have some 70 billion coins wearing out the linings of their purses and pockets or stuck down the sides of their settees. When they are replaced they will weigh in, and the word is used advis-

edly, at a modest 300,000 tons — which is where the scrap

official way: "It is therefore

As the EMI notes in its dryly

metal men come in.

likely that special procedures will need to be applied to speed up the processes of counting the re-flowing national bank notes and coins and checking their authenticity.

expand storage capacities if the destruction process of national banknotes and coins fails to keep up with the re-flow process." Whoever

would have thought the stuff was that difficult to get rid of? Still, there is a creative side to the whole process. The EMI need apply. Firms which design cash is running a competition for

the design of the seven denom inations of bank notes planned. Would-be entrants can choose between "ages and styles of Europe" or an abstract or contemporary theme. Those of you reaching for the Apple Mac can forget

it, however. Only experienced banknote designers, selected by the national central bank.

machines, tills and automatic vending machines might think they are on to a good thing or a headache — depen ing on whether they work in the sales or technical depart-ments, especially if, as is planned, the new Euro runs for a spell alongside the

national currency. But equipment manufacturers have already come up with systems that can handle multiple currencies. ICL, for example, has sales terminals which can handle 20 different currencies, though so far their application has largely een limited to duty-free

shops.
"If (the change-over) had to be achieved in the next two months it would be expensive but with a lead time of years as opposed to months one would have more time to adapt," said

ld well have im: for the way we save and borrow. Take savings. Britain has a culture in which institutional investors prefer to put cash into the stock market, rather than buying bonds be they government securities or corporate debt.

The reason does not take a great deal of finding. Britain's love-hate relationship with inflation - whoever heard of negative equity in the days of

| always been bad news for hose whose savings went into fixed-income investments. The British experience is in marked contrast to that of the archetypal European investor

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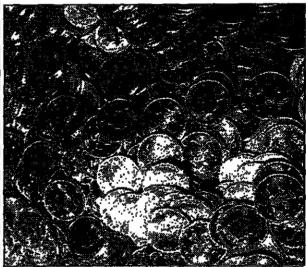
safety of bonds was nurtured by the real rate of return they produced in a low-inflation environment. Traditionally, in the UK, equities have accounted for

about 80 per cent of institutional savings but, according to analysts like David Kern, chief economist at NatWest, expectations of lower inflation which would stem from British membership of a single currency could see that proportion fall to around the

55 to 60 per cent level. Classic theory suggests that lower inflation should encour-

because of the greater pros-pects of a real return, but Mr Kern is not convinced it will necessarily happen in the UK after monetary union. "A move to EMU need not, given previous British experience, increase in itself the savings

Mr Kern is careful not to be drawn on the question of whether British interest rates will fall if the UK signs up for monetary union, but if Brit-ain does join Mr Kerr expects to see the gap between interest rates in Britain and those in countries such as Germany, which traditionally enjoy lower borrowing costs, to narrow. But if EMU goes ahead without Britain "that increases the risk that the gap will widen further".



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was the era of the large and stable manufacturers and government departments were all largely secure employers of tens, sometimes hundreds of thousands, of

In the next 50 years it will be different. Private and public organisations will no longer be able to offer that same stability and security, even if they wanted to. Technology. fear of takeover, the internationalisation of competition. the rolling back of regulations crazy search for ever higher financial returns mean that the world of work will continue to be transformed.

Job contracts will demand Impermanence as companies are compelled to organise workforces to achieve maximum flexibility over wage costs. But just as the world of work is returning to levels of routlessness not seen since the nineteenth century, the welfare structures that people have become used to since the second world war will be continually eroded. At the same time, the eclipse of the welfare state will demand that people assume more and more responsibility for insuring themlves against the rtsks of poor health, unemployment and disability — and for educating their children. The level of risk in everyday life, in short.

is rising explosively.
It is no use protesting that it would be more efficient for the welfare state to be modernised rather than for the principle of collective social insurance ideology, fear that the neces-sary taxes will diminish incentives and a belief that there is no alternative before the forces of international competition — all false — have persuaded both the main political parties that the best that can be hoped for is a grad ual attrition of the education and health system. British GDP may be four or five times higher than when the welfare state began: but, extraordinarily, it is now judged to be unaffordable. Thus every as-

IE twentieth century | pect of personal financial planning assumes an ever greater importance than it had before. In 25 years time, if current trends continue, no more than 20 and perhaps as few as 10 per cent of jobs will carry tenure, and the benefits to which we have become

There will be no such thing as a career; rather there will be a sequence of related jobs in different organisations whose term will be limited by contract to two or three years each, or even two or three weeks. The fortunate will be able to renegotiate extensions but for the mass of workers the end of a contract will mark a fresh burst of insecurity.

NCONDITIONAL unemployment ben ceased but for the very short-term unemployed, with the job-seek-ers' allowance extended to all unemployed for more than a month. Payments in relation to average earnings will continue to dwindle as income support is geared to price rather than wage increases. Thus those living on state pensions or income support will find their living standards fro zen at around 1979 levels. To avoid that fate it is imperative to organise your own personal insurance for old age, sickness and unemployment. The NHS will collapse into a

two-tier service, affering uniersal emergency treatment. but in all other aspects rapid ccess to health care will deend on your ability to pay. Public wards will be regarded in much the same way as today's inner city comprehen sives; as no-go areas confined only to those unable to escape Private health insurance will

be essential. University education will long since have ceased to be free, and the principle of paying fees will have been ex-tended throughout the educapublic expenditure per capita on education in the same way has on income support. Again, you will need to have saved in order to pay the fees. Yet although the object will



have been to create room for tax cuts, poverty, crime and social collapse will cause pub lic spending to remain only marginally below today's levels — and taxes will, in turn,

be only be slightly lower. This makes it vital to begin saving early, especially for pen-sions, where the more you save now the greater the impact of pound interest on expanding the final sum. But be careful not to save with a public company with a share quotation: they will be under such competitive pressure that pay-outs will be poorer, with much of

Better a repayment mortgage from an old-fashioned building the surplus being diverted to shareholders rather than policyholders. Today's much-ma-

Hope that a different governthe interests of their members ment or the intellectual climate at the centre of their concerns, will change matters, but guard are a better long-term bet. And ensure that any mortagainst the possibility that the future will be a continuation of gage you assume has the maxi-mum flexibility for those inevthe recent past. Build up those savines: have maximum flexib table periods of underlity; and even entertain underemployment and joblessnes Be wary of endowment and taking health and sickness insurance even though this may be against your principles. Take care — even while you curse the policies that have pension mortgages where the principal is paid off by the growth in the value of the brought British civilisation to underlying assets; you may want all that final lump sum.

The inheritors of a bankrupt vision

Margaret Hughes and Teresa Hunter

N THE next century John Major's vision of inherited wealth cascading down the generations will have become as passe as Viv Nicholson's proclaimed intention to "spend, spend spend" ms today. The priority for future generations will be to aside money to provide in-come in retirement and to

meet long-term care needs.

The current political debate should be abolished will, similarly, become irrelevant, as few other than the seriously rich will have any assets to pass on to their heirs.

For the bulk of the popula tion their main asset is their home but, increasingly, more and more of the elderly many of whom have exercised thrift throughout their lives-are being forced to sell their mes to fund long-term care leaving nothing.
The outcry from the in-

creasing numbers of the el-derly being forced to part with care has finally panicked the Government, forcing it to grasp the nettle of long-term

gested that company pension schemes could be used to fund long-term care, but the National Association of Pension Funds argues that only half the workforce belongs to company pension schem and the vast majority of these

people would not have enough in their pension pot. Within the next few weeks the Government will publish a Green Paper outlining a range of possible options. Initially it favoured a "partnership ap-proach" which links state provision with the private sector. whereby, if anyone takes out private insurance to cover the first three years, the state picks up the tab for any addi-tional years. Given that relatively few elderly people survive in care beyond three years, this has obvious attrac-

tions for the Government. But | Britain is a pay as-you-go it now favours an even less the asset limit, below which some care will be provided by the state, is raised by the amount of insurance cover.

schemes is that they rely on people taking out private inso far in this country has been very low. The insurance industry would like to see tax breaks on private insurance cover, while the pensions in-dustry believes that a compul sory savings scheme with tax breaks is probably the answer

Other ideas put forward by various think-tanks include an extension of home income plans, whereby people re-mortgage their homes to fund long-term care, and a variation of home reversion schemes where a home owner

Increasingly, the elderly are being forced to sell their homes to fund long-term care

would surrender part of the equity in their property to an insurance company which would provide funds to meet care bills, with the property being retained until the owner's death, thus leaving something for their heirs. But whatever the Govern-

ment decides, it is clear that wealth cascading between generations will become noth ing more than a dream. Not only will future generations have to fund their long-term care needs but they will also their earnings to build up a

Bodies of all political persuasion are arguing for a change in our current pensi arrangements to prevent catastrophe in the next century. At the heart of the pensions matter lies the fact that

scheme. People pay National Insurance contributions each vear — not to save towards their retirement, but to pay for that year's pension bill

This system worked well when the working population massively exceeded those in retirement But It has been placed in jeopardy by chang-ing demographics. While there are currently four times as many people in work than retired, there will be fewer than three workers paying for one pension by 2030.

Solutions range from encouraging more private savings to forcing people to make additional compulsory contri-butions. Either way, tomorow's workers will almost certainly be asked to pay for today's pensions through their National Insurance contributions, while simultaneously paying for their own future pensions through additional savings.

Labour's future strategy on pensions is not a million miles

from that of the Government and both are based on a report by former Treasury ond Permanent Secretary Second Permanent Secretary Sir John Anson. Sir John recommends abolishing the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (Serps) which provided a top-up to the basic state pension, and introducing an assured basic pension. arings asses

He proposes a basic guaran-teed pension, which everyone would get, plus an additional pension which, combined, would provide an income of 20 per of average earnings. But the top-up would be meanstested and cut back for those with other income.

Sir John also recommended National Pension Scheme which would build up funds for future pensions. This would oblige those in work to pay into a fund to provide an even higher level of pension

on retirement. Even Labour is gradually coming round to the idea that ished and that a funded second-tier of pension is the

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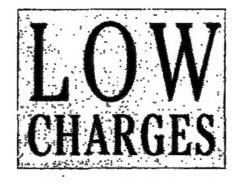
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BUYING SHARES PRESTMENT TRUST COMPANIES

A year after the collapse of the blue-blood merchant bank, the first disciplinary action is taken by the City. **DAN ATKINSON and SARAH WHITEBLOOM** report



THE CHAIRMAN: Peter Baring 'has confirmed that he does not wish to reenter the investment industry'



THE DEPUTY: Andrew Tuckey will not seek positions requiring registration by SFA 'unless his duties are limited. to the provision of corporate finance

Barings bosses face charges

ITY regulators last night announced the first disciplinary action against former Barings executives one year after the merchant bank collapsed after regue trader Nick Leeson made losses of more than \$200

Payments totalling tens of Leeson's Singapore opera tions and hidden from both he Bank of England and regulators will form a key plank in the case brought against former Barings executives by the Securities and Futures

Authority. Meanwhile, the Securities and invesments Board, the chief City regulator, announced that 50 exchanges around the world had agreed to set up a new international ework aimed at fencing in any future Nick Leeson

evels" intofutures trading. It is thought Peter Norris, former chief executive of Baring Investment Bank, is a key defendant in the SFA action. bility" for the inaccurate reports that concealed the payments, according to last July's report by the Board of Banking Supervision into Barings collapse.

Mr Norris was accused also both of failing to act upon an internal 1994 report orging that Leeson's wings be clipped and of failing to tell regulators of the report's existence. This latter offence is likely also to

be high up on the SFA's charge sheet against him, as will be the "inappropriate" style rogue traders. The SIB disclosed a world-wide deal to build "warning request he made, according to the report, to accountants in Singapore to omit from an audit document any reference to a rogue transaction of £50

And the SFA proceedings may well refer to the board's finding that Mr Norris did nothing to establish the basis upon which Leeson was mak-ing his claums of enormous profits in Singapore.

Two other heavyweight de-fendants are believed to be former head of the financial products group Ron Baker and the ex-group finance director of Baring Investment Bank, Geoffrey Broadhurst. The SFA yesterday released

no names or details of the

charges being laid. It did name the former chairman Peter Baring and deputy chairman Andrew Tuckey as having given assurances they had no intention of seeking direct executive manager positions within the securities

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE: Peter Nomis denies role in Barings cover-up

industry. Mr Baring is leaving the City altogether and Mr Tuckey is to restrict hi ities to corporate finance advice. But they remain, along with Mr Norris, targets for agrieved holders of £109 miltion of Barings bonds, who have lost all their money. They said last night they planned to issue writs against the three men. along with professional advisers to the 1994 bond issue, next month.

hard on those in any way guilty of misleading the SFA or breaching its principles of business conduct. And the July report identifies Messrs Norris, Baker and Broadhurst as being among those who, time and again, failed to take

action against Lesson. In its report, the board stated: "We consider that responsibility for establishing effective controls must bear much of the blame."

Peter Norris, along with Messrs Broadhurst and Baker, saw the internal audit report of summer 1994 that while not detecting Leeson's wild gambles — did identify the dangers of having him in sole charge of both the front and back office operations. A separate offence relates to

ments sent from London to Singapore at Leeson's request, without any clear understanding of the uses to which the money was to be put. Mr Norris failed to acquaint himself with the position, according to the board. as did Mr Broadhurst and Mr Hopkins. These payments

the colossal "top-up" pay

either to the Bank of England or to the SFA. In February 1995, Coopers & Lybrand in Singapore picked action and reported it to Lonhurst were criticised for failing to take urgent steps to

up a "rogue" £50 million trans don. Messrs Norris and Broadinvestigate and were found to have made an "inappropriate" request to omit the transaction from an audit document.

Saturday Notebook

Time to regulate a better way



Edited by Alex Brummer

THE wheels of justice grind secretively, slowly and with a great deal of noblesse oblige in the City of London. Nick Leeson, the Singapore trader, having acknowledged his misdeed has spent much of the year locked up and is currently serving seven years in Singa pore's Changi jail.

Those with the responsi-bility for running Barings with integrity, ensuring the funds of depositors and inves tors in the asset management group were protected, have walked away from the Securities and Futures Authority — the City's market regulator — with no more than a mild

reprimand.
The group chairman, Peter
Baring, and the bank's chairman. Anthony Tuckey, have,
the SFA informs us, expressed "their deep regret" at the events leading to the Barings insolvency. Since both Mr Baring and Mr Tuckey appear to be good chaps and have assured the SFA that they are not planning a return to the financial markets, they are being allowed to walk away from the responsibility of all those hurt by the Barings

collapse.
These include the bondhold ers who have lost £109 millions — a sum about equal to the disgraceful bonuses paid out to Barings executives in the year leading to the crash. Yet Messrs Baring and Tuckey were responsible not just for putting the bank at risk but, in effect, failing to ensure that depositors' funds were not gambled away in Singapore. Mr Tuckey will still be allowed to dispense advice on corporate finance matters —

not a reassuring prospect.
Disciplinary action does await several other Barings officials including Peter Norris, chief executive of Baring Investment Bank, Ron Baker head of the financial products hurst, group finance director of Baring Investment Bank. But these three officials, and any others who may emerge is targets for SFA discipline can hardly be quaking in their

Indeed, Mr Leeson fell foul of the SFA rules in his youth and lost his licence in London But that did not stop Barings giving him access to all its unds in Singapore.

Certainly, having the cloud of SFA disciplinary action hanging over anyone cannot be pleasant. It means the ability to operate in a chosen field of activity is certainly in danger. Moreover, it could also expose those concerned to arge fines.

However, given the income which Mr Norris and co en-joyed before the Barings imsion, even the maximum £200,000 penalty thus far dished out by the SFA may not seem that threatening. It would be impossible to

compare the kind of justice ikely to be dispensed by the SFA with the justice meted ou for similar offences by Ameri ca's Securities & Exchange Commission or the Singapore authorities.

When it comes to taking dis ciplinary action against its own, the old ways still suffice. The former head of the SFA, Christopher Sharples, has

made suggestions for strengthening SFA/Exchange supervision under the direc-tion of a new Trading & Mar-kets Authority. But simply changing the names and merg-ing regulators will not deliver the clean markets Britain

The preference for practitioner-led regulation has en-couraged complacency. The incompetence of the Barings officials concerned is laid bare, with some firmness, by both the Board of Banking Supervision and the the Singa pore inspectors. No doubt the SFA is concerned that natural justice is preserved. However its timidity is disgraceful and the sooner this flimsy, ram-shackle and over-protective system of regulation is swept away, the more faith there will be in the probity of our

Simpson's task

EC, it would appear, has won its man. While the wall of silence surrounds Stanhope Gate, the Lucas board has, in effect released its chief executive George Simpson for higher things when his contract expires in March 1997.

It has been the worst-kept secret in British industry that Mr Simpson is the favoured candidate to take over the premier post in British industry. as successor to Lord Weinstock.

The manner of Mr Simpson's departure is very much in keeping with the mystery that has surrounded the Weinstock succession. Instead of GEC making its own definitive statement this spring, as had been promised, Lucas found itself in the invidious position of having to negotiate his departure well before his task of restructuring Lucas and fully restoring confidence in the company

has been completed. Then again, Mr Simpson like the person he will succeed at GEC — is not necessarily the sort of executive who hangs around. No sooner had Mr Simpson turned around the economics of Rover at British Aerospace, then he happily consented to sell off Britain's last home-owned, large-scale car maker to BMW - so moving critical investment decisions for the UK economy from London/Bir-

It can only be hoped that this sets no precedent for his next post. At GEC Mr Simpson would inherit a manufacturer that dominates UK power engineering, electronics, defence contracting and telecommuniations. The group R&D spend aione amounts to more than 21 billion a year. This is too valuable a property to be souandered on short-term gains.

mingham to Munich

Yorkshire spill

AKE a troubled company, shake-out the top management, bring in a nonexecutive chairman and leave the executive team to fight it out without the guiding hand of a chief executive or manag-

ing director.
It sounds a recipe for disaster, but it is the formula chosen by Yorkshire Water. Customers and shareholders, who bore the brunt of the comp ny's disastrous handling of vater shortages last summer will not regret the departure of chairman Gordon Jones and managing director Trevor Newton.

But they should be concerned about the lack of an executive hand on the group

THE REGULATOR:

'The SFA has commenced disciplinary proceedings against a number of persons involved with Barings. . . no further announcement will be made in relation to these proceedings until, they are concluded.'

Richard Farrant (right), chief executive of the Securities and Futures Authority



Norris

PETER Norris had been poised to move into the £1 million bonus club — when the collapse of Barings left his career in tatters.

The 41-year-old former chief executive of Barings Investment Bank rose swiftly to the top. But after the crisis he left Barings and is effectively barred from holding a senior

City post. In the report that arose from the Bank of England's investi-gation, Mr Norris was said to ear "ultimate responsibility" for inaccurate information about Barings given to City regulators and the Bank. The Singaporean authorities have been even more censorious. Mr Norris denies such

Baker

coming down particularly

The SFA is thought to be

THE former head of Barings financial products, Ron Baker, was sent on "holiday" after the bank's collapse. It has been one of the longest holi-

days in City history. Mr Baker (right), a 44-yearold Australian, ran Barings' derivatives and dealing operation, which employed Nick eeson. He only joined the firm in 1992 from the US house Bankers Trust.

Mr Baker gave up an esti-mated £800,000 bonus when Barings went down. Along with Mr Norris, he was accused in the Bank of England's report of failing to implement a crucial proposal for tighter controls in Singapore. Whether he resumes his career will depend on the SFA.



Broadhurst

THE former Baring Investment Bank group finance di-rector. Geoffrey Broadhurst had been with the institution less than 10 years when the

Having joined the firm in 1986, he moved quickly up the Mr Broadhurst became fi-

nancial controller of Baring Brothers and then finance director of Barings Singapore in February 1992 — the same year that Nick Leeson went to he bank's Far Eastern outpost. Finance expert Mr Broad-

nurst is described by City insiders as a "charming man". They express disbelief that he was in any way involved in

tions. Many in the City hope

the cash will be returned to

investors as part of a restruc-

turing once a new managing

countant who has spent most of his working life in motor

manufacturing. After a brief

period in the gas industry he

Mr Simpson is a Scottish ac-

director takes over.

ucas boss set to succeed GEC's Weinstock

Failure to cure trouble at the top fuels fears of a takeover

George Simpson will take the helm of | when he reached 70, that he Britain's biggest manufacturing group next year, says ROGER COWE

RITAIN'S biggest industrial company, GEC, vesterday appeared to have finally found a successor to Lord Weinstock, its managing di-

rector since 1963. His place at the head of the missiles to Horpoint washing machines group is likely to be Liken by George Simpson. who will leave his position as chief executive of Lucas

within a year. Lucas was forced to make an announcement yesterday after speculation intensified that Mr Simbson was GEC's target GEC made no commen last night, leaving it unclear when Lord Weinstock would dep down and whether he will

retain some active role. Lucas, which produces motor components and aerospace engineering, admitted that it had been unable to persunde Mr Simpson to resist the lure of succeeding Lord

continued since the autumn and Mr Simpson told the board yesterday that he will not renew his contract next March. He is expected to move to GEC by the end of the year. A source commented:

'George has done a brilliant ob at Lucas. But GEC is one of the biggest jobs in manufacturing in Europe." GEC has been searching for a new managing director since last summer. Lord Weinstock

announced two years ago,

UCAS has had persis-

and keeping top executives

brief spell as finance direc-

tor, swiftly followed by Tony Edwards, who ran Lu-

cas's aerospace interests

and had been lined up to

In 1992 the company lost David Rankinson after a

tent trouble in finding

would carry on only for a fur-ther two years. His attempts into position were resisted by City institutions, and the GEC board eventually decided to launch a formal search outside the company.

Mr Simpson was considered a favourite target despite having moved to Lucas from BAe only in 1993. He has a reputation as both a strong industrial manager and an astute strategist — especially after his negotiations to sell Rover to BMW, despite the British car company's 15-year associa tion with Honda. At Lucas he has sold several companies with poor prospects and

take over from chairman

Sir Anthony finally split

his job in two, bringing in

oanker Sir Brian Pearse as

chairman and handing over

the chief executive reins to

Observers are now won-

and chief executive Sir

Anthony Gill

Mr Simpson.

restructured the remaining group into five business

His appointment could sig-nify a huge shake-up at GEC, including renewed attempts at co-operation between the group and BAe. The two companies have had abortive merger discussions in the past, which came to nothing because of BAe's problems with its civil aircraft operation. But BAe is increasingly intent on creating a pan-European aircraft venture, which could leave some of its defence interests open to be merged with GEC's Marconi electroncs subsidiary. Some observers believe that

dering how easy it will be

for Lucas to fill the top slot,

and whether Mr Simpson's

departure will once again

expose Lucas to the threat

A spokesman for the

group said last night that

the departing chief execu-

tive had laid the strategy

of takeover.

tional joint ventures: telecom munications with Siemens of Germany, power engineering with Alsthom of France and the "white goods" appliance business with General Electric of the US. Marconi is the fourth main business, and GEC also owns a collection of other businesses ranging from cables to petrol pump Lord Weinstock has at-

that Mr Simpson's main task

will be to break up the group. Already three of its main in-

terests are part of interna-

tracted widespread criticism for being overly cautious by building up huge cash reserves, now £2.5 billion, GEC is ripe for demerger, and rather than making acquisi-

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son is also said to be keen to

executive team. Mr Simp-

remain until an orderly

transition is guaranteed

and the group's recovery from poor performance in

the recession has been dem

onstrated in this year's fi-

nancial results.

oined British Leyland Motor Corporation in 1969 when he was in his mid-20s. Apart from a year at Leyland Daf in 1987 he stayed with what is now Rover Group until his move to

Lucas in 1993.

His first move from finance into general management was in 1980 when he became managing director of Coventry Climax. The rest of the 1980s were spent in the van and truck business.

In 1988, he returned to Rover Group as managing di-rector, subsequently becoming chief executive and chairnan, and deputy chief executive of Rover's owner, TOURIS

British Aerospace. Mr Simpson attempted to lead a buyout of Rover from BAe but was unable to raise the finance. He saw through the sale of the car maker before moving to Lucas.

News in brief Siebe poised to

bid for Unitech

Siebe, the international controls and temperature appli-ances group, is ready to bid more than £400 million for Unitech, which makes and distributes electronic components and controls. Late yeserday Siebe announced it agreed to purchase a 25 per cent stake in the group from Electrowatt AG, a Swiss utilty for £103 million in cash.

Granny bonds lead way National Savings, the statecontrolled savings institution. ast month attracted deposits of £1.24 billion. After repayments to savers, it banked £495 million in new money.

BET under attack

Rentokil launched a fresh assault in its £1.8 billion takeover battle for BET by attacking the performance of the bid target's core businesses. Responding to BET's formal de-fence document, Rentokil claimed that overall trading margins for most of its opera tions have fallen by 0.3 per cent to 6.2 per cent over the past six months. The claim was rejected by BET.

Campsite downturn Eurocamp vesterday warned

that camping holiday bookings for this year were "set to finish well down on last year as cumulative bookings fell 22 per cent below last year's evels. Shareholders at the annual meeting were told the picture was more encourag-ing in its other main activity, UK hotel breaks where bookings were up 18 per cent.

Blue Arrow sold

The Blue Arrow employment services company has been acquired by Corporate Services Group, a contract labour and training firm, for £47.8 million which will be raised through a placing and open offer.

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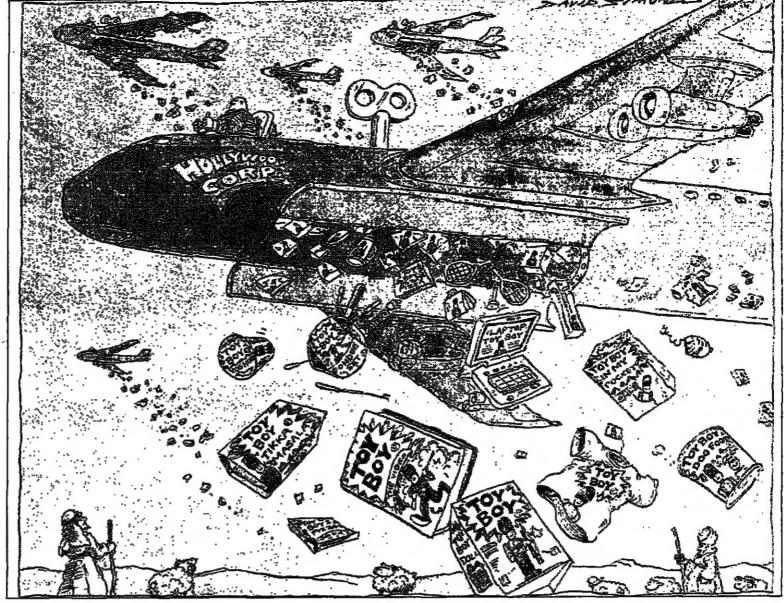
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Toy story begins and ends with bottom line



From a Mickey Mouse start, character merchandising is now worth billions, say **LISA BUCKINGHAM and SIMON BEAVIS**

expected to see the start of thousands of new channels in the next few years, is creating an ltogether more dubious revo lution at the same time.

It seems like fun and it has an unbelievable appeal to children, but the merchandising industry — which exploits the earnings potential of film, TV and book characters — could impoverish parents the world

Few families will crash below the poverty line by shell-ing out for Mr Men yoghurts rather than the supermarket's own brand, but the licensing business has grander designs

As television channels. ed with the produce of Hollywood, extend to less affluent countries, the licens ing industry will be in hot pursuit, ready to profit from an untapped hunger for all thing Western with a range of Lion King tablewear or Power Rangers clothing.

From its infancy in the 1940s, when Disney first decided to license the Mickey Mouse image, the worldwide merchandising business is estimated to have grown to be worth \$110 billion (£72 billion)

a year. Clothes are by far the larg-est element of this, but food is increasingly important. Tesco, for instance, offers about 200 products linked to characters. This is a tiny fraction of the company's total 30,000 product lines, but a spokeswoman said the range was growing rapidly.

It may not be quite impossi-

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ble to buy a can of children's pesta without some cartoon, book or TV association, but many product lines are now swamped by the merchandis-ing business. Try to find a child's toothbrush which is not emblazoned with the likes of Donald Duck or Ding, the

Flintstones' pet dinosaur.

The whole thing has gone into overdrive with the standalone Dennis the Menace brand of children's foods. This is not an established manufacturer using the licence to pep up an old brand, but an entirely new entrant to the market. It started with a "vitamin added" ketchup-type sauce (Dennis for the kids, the vitamins to convince mum) and recently moved into the gruesomely-named Strawberry

According to the Copyright Promotions Licensing Group (CPLG) — which acts as licensing agent for DC Thom-son's Marvel Comics, whose Beano features Dennis the Menace — this is the first time a character has been established as a brand. It is in all the supermarkets and is likely to be expanded into an entire

range of kiddles' fare. What helps is the way in which Dennis is no longer confined to the pages of a comic.
Two successful videos of his exploits have already been produced, and the BBC is about to screen 13 half-hour animated Dennis shows, which have cost £2.5 million to make. These, in turn, are likely to find their way on to video, as Polygram has snapped up the rights. In all, some 35 companies are involved in producing

1 year

£47.00

Dennis the Menace products, ranging from jigsaw puzzles to hot water bottles. And Hal-fords, the cycle company, has even rebranded its own-brand bike range with the character: there will be Dennis the Mence mountain bikes for the boys, Minnie the Minx for girls and a Bash Street Kids

range for the younger ones.
It is the cyclical nature of the business, where exposu on one front fuels sales elsewhere, which offers the big earnings potential. Look at recent films from Disney, which is estimated to earn every \$1 in \$3 from merchan dising rather than putting bottoms on cinema seats: merchandise relating to the film

giving renewed vigour to sales of existing items. Alsales of existing frems. Afthough children in the firree to eight-year age range are by far the largest target, there is an increasing trend to aim for teenagers. By getting to them, younger brothers and sisters will be influenced.

The apparent loss of selfconsciousness among adults about what they are prepared to wear in public is opening up a new, if marginally embarrassing, sector. Marks & Spen-cer, for example, is offering a range of men's clothes and inderwear sporting characters from Hanna-Barbera's Wacky Races cartoon. If the prospect of grown men parading around in Dick Das-

rossed about £50,000 of retail sales a year a decade ago. Today, CPLG has to hand over a seven-figure sum each year a seven-rigure sum each year for licensing rights —2 per cent of retail earnings for food items and between 10 and 12 per cent of the wholesale price on clothing. Mr Men ice lollies have been produced by Lyons Maid for more than 20 years. And Barbie dolls — two of And Barbie dolls — two of which are sold every second — are about to have their own

series of storybooks thanks to Reed Books. Licensing has become far more respectable following its espousal by blue-chip groups such as Coca-Cola and Cadbury Schweppes. It is a much cheaper form of marketing

Dad wears his Mr Happy tie while feeding baby in its Mr Messy bib. The sight of Paula Yates in a Little Miss Naughty T-shirt did nothing but good to sales

arrives in the shops before the première, so playground gos-sip has already established miniature models of, for examhave" elements in the toy box The window opens again

when the video comes out. The earnings potential of merchandising is now astronomical for the owners of eading characters. Since 1977 the Star Wars films, made by George Lucas, have earned

more than \$8 billion (£1.9 billion) in merchandising. And Mr Lucas is planning another Star Wars trilogy, to be screened in cinemas from 1999, no doubt accompanied by its own range of merchandise,

tardly boxer shorts is not sufficiently challenging. Copyright Promotions will argue with a straight face - that Mr Men silk ties are best-sellers for retailers such as Tie Rack: dad wears his Mr Happy tle while feeding baby in its Mr Messy bib. The sight of Paula Yates in a Little Miss Naughty T-shirt did nothing but good to sales through

otherwise respectable shops such as Miss Selfridge. Fashion changes obviously spell death to some characters. but the industry concentrates on the enduring power of "classics" such as Winnie the Pooh and Snow White. Tom and Jerry, for example,

than conventional advertising. The orange drink, Fanta for example, managed to hold its market share against the heavily advertised relaunch of Tango, in 1993, by adopting the Sonic the Hedgehog video

game character. But the merchandising business, with the power it gives to the controllers of licensed properties has had far-reaching implications for major industries such as toy manufacturers. Edmund Young, vice-president of Per-fekta, the Hong Kong toy-maker, and head of the toy advisory council of the local trade development council, makes two simple points

about the industry in which his family has made its living for more than 30 years. It is now a fashion industry,

he says, and where there used to be three main markets — Japan, the US and Europe — now there is one. All children everywhere want, indeed must have, the same thing. In-creasingly, those demands are driven by the film studios and the American toy corporations.

His point is eloquently underlined at the giant Toys 'R' Us branch in the busy Harbour district of nearby Kow-loon. There may be a marginal bias towards sci-fi figures dressed in slightly oriental garb, but otherwise all that distinguishes this Toys 'R' Us from a similar outlet in South ucts cost more. Which is odd. since most of the toys on display are made just across the border in China by firms like

All but 10 per cent of Hong Kong toymakers are now producing in southern China, fured by labour shortages in the mid-1970s and the promise of cheaper labour. Of the \$HK75 billion (£8.3 billion) of toy exports out of the colony in 1995, all but HK\$2.5 billion came from China. Some 90 per cent of the toys are produced under contract for the big toy corporations, led by US firms such as Matell and Hasbro. "The toy industry," says Mr Young, "is very much con-trolled by the American toy

companies. We have to rely very heavily on licensed toy manufacturing."

Kong industry grew in the 1950s from the collapse of a more passing fad — plastic flowers. Once demand for take blooms fell, Hong Kong was left with an expertise in plas-tics moulding but nothing to do with it. America's toy-mak ers moved in, shifting Far

East production from Japan to the colony. Thanks to the cheap and plentiful labour in China, and the gradual opening of trade links, Hong Kong was able to maintain its dominance over regional challengers from Korea, Taiwan and Japan Now those challengers have

moved into China, too. Many local firms have tried to establish themselves as selfstanding suppliers of their own toys. But the grip of the break. "Many Hong Kong toy companies have found it very difficult to move out of contract manufacturing business. The number of companies making their own products might be huge, but the amount of business they do on these is small," says Mr

Young.
The bulk of licences for highly promoted toys from the film studios are snapped up by the big US firms. Scrag-end pickings — the production of accessories such as rucksacks emblazoned with Aladdin or Casper — are usually all that is left.

Executives in the licensing business argue that the super-markets' price war has helped to keep down the retail price of merchandised produce, so parents are not necessarily ex-

utives claim that the move towards "value for money" on the high street means that licensed goods can no longer afford simply to "label slap" -putting a character's picture on the label but leaving the product essentially the same

These pricing pressures vanish in the trend towards destination shopping. Minia-ture models of Disney characters may have to be more keenly priced if they are on sale in Woolworths alongside a range of Puppy in My Pocket but there is no such constraint when they are sold in a Disney

hop. This is clearly nirvana for a merchandiser, and one which others clearly want to emu-late. Warner Brothers is alquisition of more than 20 per cent of CPLG's shares by the Trocadero centre in London made a nod ın a similar

Trocadero has rights to some of Enid Blyton's books. which it is hoping CPLG will exploit - already a "nostalgia" campaign is planned. But Trocadero, which is aiming to become a top London tourist spot, is hoping to get its hands on some of the characters al-ready in CPLG's portfolio.

The manipulative shadow of Hollywood already feels more than a little claustrophobic, but there is a final twist. Copyright Promotions is weighing up the possibility of ensuring that its major char-acters get sufficient exposure to generate sales year after year by investing in TV pro-duction from the outset. Char-To some extent that has always been the case. The Hong little darling's urge for a Bat-acter, camera and . . action!

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Roger Cowe

ENECA'S share price has rocketed again this week, further fuelling expectations that somebody, somewhere is preparing a takeover bid for the agro-pharmaceutical company. The shares fell back a few

ence yesterday as some of the takeover excitement receded, but from the beginning of the month they have risen by about 10 per cent. Since the drug group was hived off from ICI three years ago, the price has more than doubled.

For some observers, this is a vindication of the demerger and a triumph for the religion of "shareholder value". But if shareholder value means nothing more than a higher share price, it doesn't amount to very much. And it makes it very easy for any public company to increase

by putting it about that a takeover is in the offing. risen purely because of

takeover speculation, however. There has been some true increase in value, as can be seen from the strong flow of new products which have easily outweighed the decline of the previously key heart drug, Tenormin.

(Those who prefer financial indicators might be puz zled why the financial markets have ignored the fact that profits have actually declined since 1993. The answer seems to be excitement at the prospect of take over and that the decline has been due to exceptional write-offs.)

It is impossible to measure the extent to which this growth has been due to independence from ICI, but Zeneca's directors believe it has been an important, if largely intangible, factor, and they should know. But here lies a puzzle; Zeneca has done so well because of its independence and. because it has done so well,

it seems destined to lose its That doesn't make much sense, but then the purpose of the financial markets is to make money, not sense. And the financial markets are convinced that there is

no other future for Zeneca but back inside another

group. This is driven by the current conventional wisdom that the drug industry is too fragmented and must consolidate until the leaders have a substantial percentage of the market, just as in most other industries. Even

within that context, however, nobody seems to think that Zeneca is too small or feeble to compete. The company is generally seen as having a strong product portfolio, a good position in the cancer treatment market, and good links with bio-technology

ventures. So Zeneca doesn't need to be taken over, but somebody else, probably Swiss group Roche, might feel the need to take it over, to maintain its virility after the recent combination of its local rivals Ciba and

Here's another irony, however. Speculation has now driven up Zeneca's share price to such an extent that even Roche would hesitate at the cost, which would be at least £15 billion. So it is only when speculation recedes, and the share price falls back. that Roche or another bidder could pounce. That's business.

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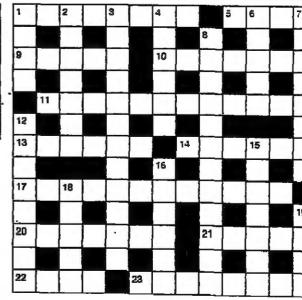
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5 Low voice - fish! (4) 9 Unit of distance (5) 10 Strutting bird or his mate 11 Confidence booste

13 Fibre-producing plant (6) 14 Any old person (3,3) 17 Full stop used in numbers

20 Bitter regret (7) 21 Advantage (5) 22 Head (for taxing) (4) 23 Lawyer or legal power (8)



Down 1 Inflationary device? (4) 2 Device to prevent backsliding? (7)

3? (8,4) 4 Add (6) **6** Scent (5)

7 Wealthy from own efforts (4-4)

8 Accompaniment to bangers

16 Skilled with (foreign) language (6) 18 Beast of burden (5) 19 Remain (4)

12 Bitter sweet? (4,4)

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